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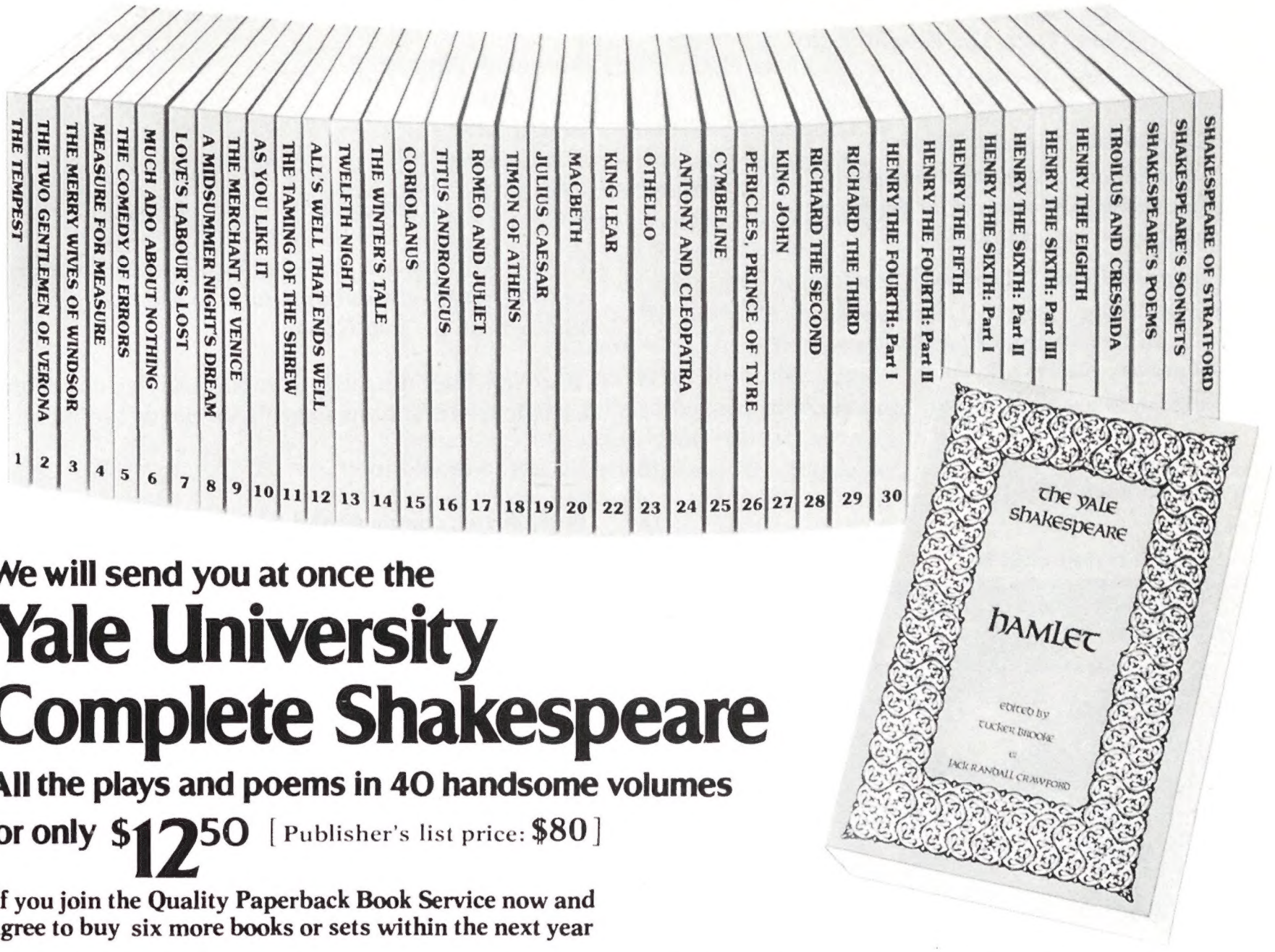

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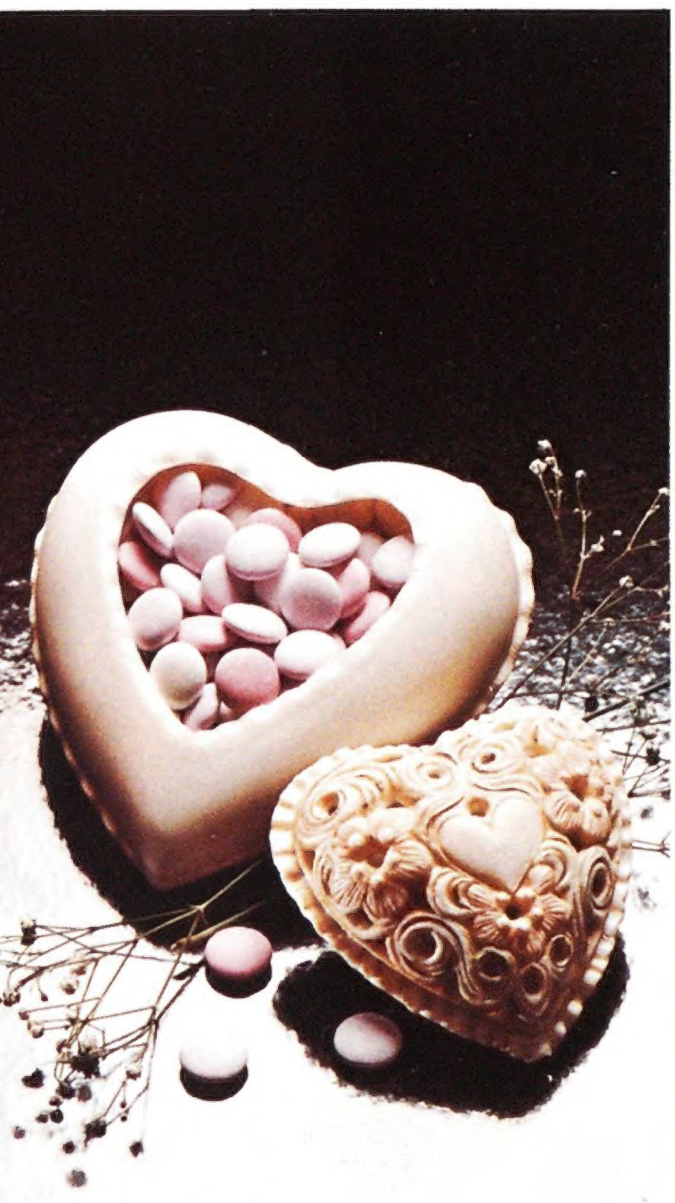

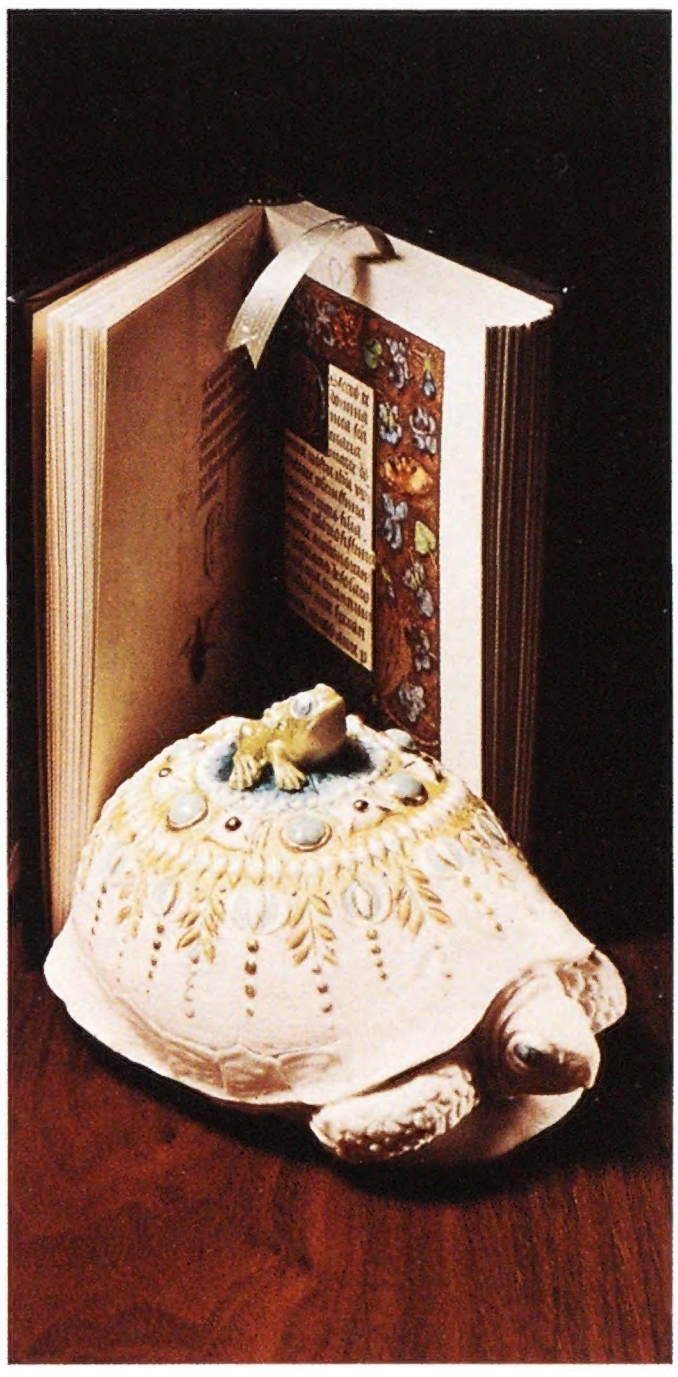

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Secretary Ripley's comments

The view from the castle

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Mr. Ripley's temporary castle in India, photographed by Mrs. Ripley.

One of the glories of the Indian forest is the semal (*Salmalia malabarica*), a softwood tree that belongs to the family of the silk-cotton or kapok. Often it is the tallest tree, standing out above the hardwoods. Its candlelike buds finally burst into pinkish-scarlet blossoms in late February; in the early morning, the dusty orange sun lifts over the hazy green hills and glances off the even carpet of green trees, setting the huge parasol of flowers ablaze. By 6:30, as we approach the tree on a winding forest road, we can see from far off that the crown is alive with birds.

The *Salmalia* flower is the size of a small teacup, the petals forming a ring around the upright yellow and red stamens and style rising in the center. Nectar is secreted at the base of the cup and it is this which draws the crowd. The birds dip their heads down to the base of the flower, and their crown feathers become coated with pollen. Successive visits to the flowers eventually fertilize the ovules which form seed. So bird pollination is crucial to the life cycle of this fast-growing softwood.

To reach the tree, we have left our forest bungalow at about six and have crossed the Mahanadi River in western Orissa at the ghat, the declivity which terminates in a bathing place and ferry. A hundred and fifty years ago the Daniell brothers and George Chinnery, in their "views of Indian life," painted and drew scenes such as this on the bank of the stream, with feathery palms and banyans or mango rising in the background against the smoke from the village fires, while in the foreground are buffalo being driven down to the water, graceful women bathing and filling brass or pottery jars, and the ferryman, lithe and handsome in his dhoti, with full beard and curls. The dust haze and mist are all there, the calls from the village, and the sharp crying of the lapwings flying over the water: "Did he go, did he go?"

Finally we stand below the tree, its canopy a hundred feet or more above. A gentle rain of flower parts and blossoms falls about us. Two species of long-tailed green parakeets are feeding: the blossom-headed with rosy plum-colored heads, crunching the scarlet flowers, and the large Indian parakeet, black-collared, red-billed, with more deliberate and hoarser calls. The parakeets simply chew up the flowers.

Barbets, green with brownish-streaked heads, are feeding on the nectar, as are haircrested drongos with their brush tongues so well adapted for nectar feeding. Two species of bulbuls are there, jaunty and crested, and six species of mynas: hill-mynas or "grackles," so-called, the talking birds; common and jungle mynas, Brahminy and pied mynas, and the greyheaded. The larger species tyrannize the smaller, which in turn scare off the green chloropsis, and its cousin, the smaller, yellowish iora. Sunbirds of two species dart among the throng, glittering iridescent black and yellow in the sun, and even tinier birds, flower peckers and warblers, keep up incessant movement, seeming at that height like bumblebees. The intensity of feeding is so great and the noise so compelling that even relative nonfeeders, small woodpeckers, are drawn into the branches.

A hawk called a shikra coasts overhead, a bird-hunter, but the diners are too busy to move. Only the long-tailed magpies give a raucous, hollow alarm note. Some 65 species of birds have been recorded feeding on the flowers of the semal.

The sun is up now and soon the birds will have left the wilting flowers, which droop and fall, raining like blood on the ground below. The noise carries with us for a long distance as we draw away, spellbound. Tomorrow we will join the feast again, bathing our senses in the reflected light and color, and the strident cacaphony at the great feeding tree.

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Letters to the Editor

Scythian gold

Dear Sir: Rudolph Chelminski's article on the USSR Scythian gold exhibition in your April issue whets my appetite to see it when it arrives in Los Angeles. Lee Boltin's photographs were superb.

I am sure the Soviet Union has an abundance of art treasures from its historical past that would prove exciting and educational to Americans. And many of us would find discovery of such art far more rewarding than always hearing about Russia's political side.

Anita Hicks
Van Nuys, California

Nutrition

Dear Sir: In regard to your article, "Our diets have changed, but not for the best," I agree that our diets have changed since the time of Franklin, Lincoln and James Smithson, but those wise men with knowledge of the past and present would know that these changes have been for the better. The fact is that nutritional diseases in the United States (such as rickets, scurvy, beriberi and pellagra in infants and adults) have been overcome because the food industry has closely followed the recommendations of nutritionists and public health officials.

We do have public health problems of dental caries, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, but speculations that these diseases are the results of baby foods, sugar, salt and food additives is simplistic nonsense. The deplorable feature of this article is the acceptance of half-truths to criticize government and industry, as well as the free enterprise system and the

people who find it preferable to use their own judgment in feeding themselves.
Robert A. Stewart
Director of Research
Gerber Products Company
Fremont, Michigan

Dear Sir: In regard to your article on nutrition, the author, Dr. Michael Jacobson, Director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, is considered by many scientists to be controversial.

At a recent meeting of the National Nutrition Consortium, Incorporated (a consortium of scientists from the American Dietetic Association, the American Institute of Nutrition, the American Society for Clinical Nutrition and the Institute of Food Technologists), there was considerable discussion of Dr. Jacobson's activities. It was the opinion of the group that certain aspects of Dr. Jacobson's work may be a disservice to the public and to nutritional science.
Harold H. Sandstead, M.D.
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Grand Forks, North Dakota
The purpose in publishing the article was not to condemn government or the food industry, but to inform our readers of areas of nutrition that many people in the field consider dangerous trends. All of the points in this article were read and approved by a number of reputable doctors and nutritionists. We are aware that some aspects of Dr. Jacobson's work are considered controversial. Perhaps the basic disagreement is a philosophical one: It is our judgment that rather than wait for the complex etiology of all diseases to be worked out, it is important to alert people to possible dangers now. Ed.

Dear Sir: One of our major health problems is not only the changes in our diet but the rapidity of these changes from the evolutionary standpoint. The British physicians, T.L. Cleave and G.D. Campbell, point out in their book, *Diabetes, coronary thrombosis and the saccharine disease,* that the marked alterations in our Western food in the past few decades have occurred in too brief a time to permit "evolutionary adaptation."

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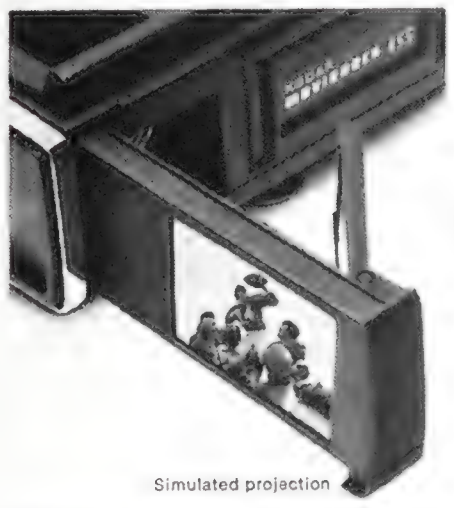

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It is true that if there were a national food policy, we all might be healthier—but that misses the point. If the American people choose to eat foods that are not good for them, it is not up to me or Michael Jacobson to prevent them.

Nutrition has long been taught in schools, and we continue to have unbalanced diets. We have decided that we would rather eat beef than vegetables and that we want all our foods well laced with salt and sugar.
Geoffrey W. Sjostrom
St. Petersburg, Florida

Edward S. Curtis

Dear Sir: In his article on Edward S. Curtis, author Caspar Weinberger jr. notes that Curtis' portrayal of North American Indians "now appears to be coming 'out of the darkness.'" Actually, the rediscovery has been going on for several years, notably in such shows as these: Pierpont Morgan Library in 1971, Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1972, Huntington Library in 1973 and T. C. McLuhan's film, *The Shadow Catcher,* at the Whitney Museum of American Art in January.
Robert E. Ferguson
Houston, Texas

The Shadow Catcher *will also be televised nationally by the Public Broadcasting Service on June 30.* Ed.

Bicentennial

Dear Sir: Edwards Park, in describing the events at Lexington and Concord 200 years ago, says "Americans know nothing except a smattering of the Indian tactic of hide-and-snipe." It seems that hide-and-snipe *was* the tactic used by Americans.
Mrs. George N. Webb
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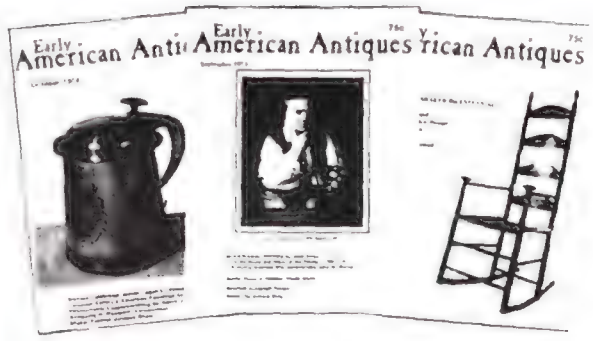

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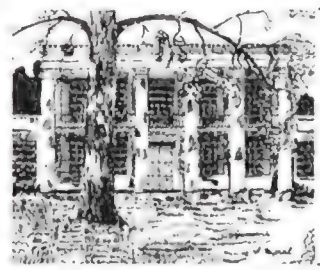

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Phenomena

Dear Sir: Your statement that the aardwolf-hyena similarity might be the first instance of mimicry among large mammals is not completely correct. You are correct in the classical meaning of the term, where the model and mimic are different species. However, more recently mimicry has been found to occur within species, most notably where one of the sexes mimics some feature of the opposite sex. There are several large mammals exhibiting apparent mimicry of this sort. Examples are: the spotted hyena [p. 38], where the female's genitalia most convincingly mimic those of the male, and the Hamadryas baboon, in which the male mimics the pattern of the female's sexual skin.

Christen Wemmer
Conservation and Research Center
National Zoological Park
Front Royal, Virginia

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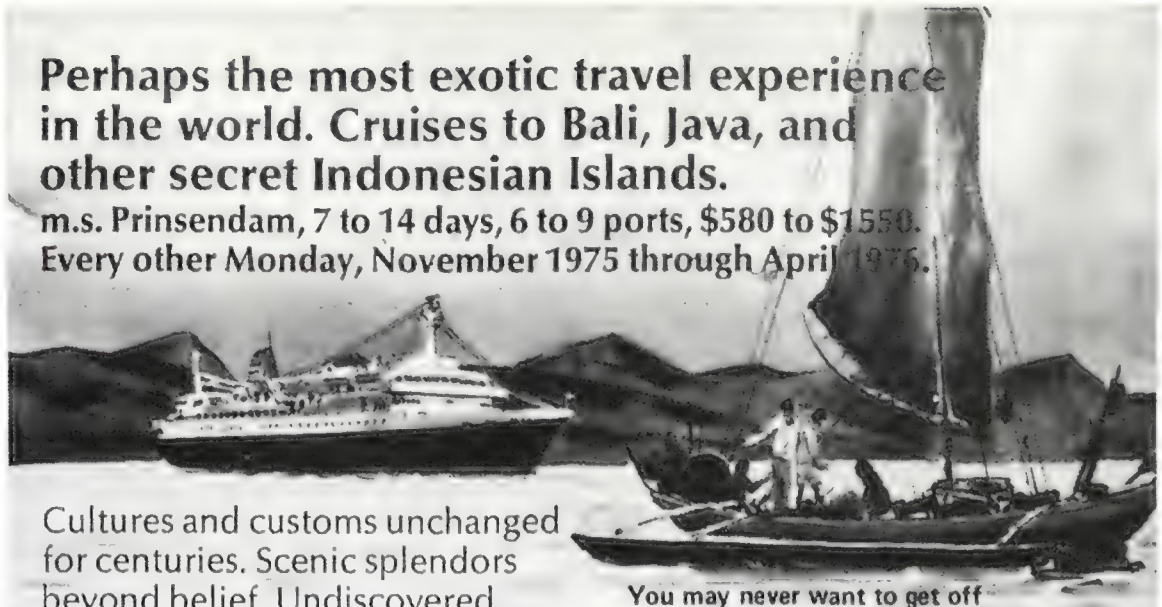

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Dear Sir: In Timothy Green's article on the National Trust, he states that the Stars and Stripes flies overhead at Washington Old Hall on Independence Day, November 23 and Washington's birthday. What is the significance of November 23?
Frances St. John
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
Instead of November 23, we should have stated that the flag is flown on Thanksgiving Day. Ed.

Salt marshes

Dear Sir: Gary Soucie's article in your March issue on the salt marshes of Georgia and South Carolina is an important one, but there are inaccuracies in his figures on the value of marsh-produced seafood in South Carolina. The landed value of oysters has been about $625,000 in recent years. For this landed value to yield a gross profit of $5 million, it would be necessary for oysters to retail for $5.01 per pound of meat. Thankfully, this has never occurred. Shrimpers do not usually add more than $10 million annually to the state's economy—that figure has been reached only once in recent years.
Kenneth J. Roberts
Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina
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Phenomena, comment and notes

Vitamin C and cholesterol, victory over African snails, challenge to Everest and the tale of Squanto

Naturally enough, the myths and folklore surrounding the arrival of our forefathers on these shores die hard, but historical revisionism has become almost a major academic industry—so much so that by now only pretty minor inaccuracies in the record are left to be corrected.

The latest to bite the dust concerns the activities of Squanto, an Indian who, it is said, walked into Plymouth on March 16, 1621, greeted the Pilgrims in English and showed them where to fish and how to plant corn, including the Indian practice of using fish as fertilizer.

Squanto and his advice are legitimate history, but Lynn Ceci, a graduate student in anthropology at the City University of New York, is offended by the phrase "Indian practice." Writing at great length in *Science* (Volume 188, Number 4183), she points out that the Indians of the region practiced a shifting agriculture, burning new areas when old fields wore out. She quotes contemporary accounts of Indian farming practices such as this: "The ground they never fatten with mucke, dounge, or any other thing . . . as we do in England." Indeed, even after observing the obvious advantages of manuring, the Indians long regarded the practice as too labor-intensive.

And as for Squanto, it seems that he was kidnapped by Europeans, perhaps twice, (one wonders why he was so forthcoming with the Pilgrims) and had spent a good deal of time in an English settlement in Newfoundland where he must have observed their farming practices,

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So the affable Squanto, says Ms. Ceci, was little more than a cultural messenger from one bunch of Englishmen to another.

Redressing the balance

A common plant, long thought to have been a late European introduction to North America, has now been incontrovertibly shown to have existed here before Columbus. Writing in *Nature* (Volume 253, Number 5494), two scientists report that they have found the pollen and seeds of *Portulaca oleracea* in the precisely datable sediment layers of Crawford Lake near Toronto. This plant, a weed commonly called purslane, was apparently used by agricultural Indians as a potherb just as it was in Europe. So America-firsters who are depressed over the loss of fish manuring as an original American contribution to the world can take some consolation from the fact that our weeds were second to none.

Purslane, *si*; fish manuring, *no*.

Everest dethroned

It is not just history that is being revised these days: Even the most sacredly held facts are being swept away before our eyes. Mount Everest may no longer be considered the world's highest mountain—at least, geoidally speaking. And if you aren't used to speaking geoidally, what this means is that there is another mountain peak which is farther from the Earth's center than Everest's. According to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (which made the calculations from satellite observations at the behest of the editors of the *Guinness Book of Records*), Ecuador's equatorial Mount Chimborazo, which lies athwart the Earth's bulging midriff, is 2,151.2 meters farther from the

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There is so much talk of consumer and environmental protection in this country —and so many protests from various manufacturers about stiff standards—that one would assume the United States was pretty far ahead in protecting its citizens from toxic substances. But, according to Dr. Robert Metcalf, a Rockefeller Foundation entomologist writing in *RF Illustrated* (Volume 2, number 2), we have quite a way to go before we approach the standards used in the rest of the developed world. "In general, if you look at the Russian health standards for maximum allowable exposure to environmental poisons, they average about one-fifth or one-tenth of the United States levels." Lead, for example, is almost prohibited in Russian gasoline.

Much of the difference arises from methods. In the United States we require some "overt pathological effect on some organ of the system before we admit there is any effect." In Russia they look for behavioral changes. One way is to put a human in a room and add small amounts, of, say, lead aerosol to the atmosphere. As soon as an abnormal brain wave appears on an encephalograph the maximum is established.

Vitamin C, cholesterol and baldness

At a recent meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, a doctor with the Human Nutrition Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture had some discomfiting things to say about massive use of vitamin C. Dr. Leslie M. Klevay reported that consuming large amounts of vitamin C decreases the amount of copper that can be absorbed from food. What this does is lower the amount of copper compared to zinc in the body. And in experiments with rats and mice, Dr. Klevay found that a high ratio of zinc to copper leads right into a case of hypercholesterolemia, which in turn, it is believed, is a major factor in coronary heart disease. Cholesterol has also been associated with another common "disorder," though one which is hardly fatal except to one's vanity. According to *New Scientist* (Volume 65, Number 940), Finnish researchers be-

lieve they have traced a complex biochemical path from cholesterol to baldness, which has been considered hereditary.

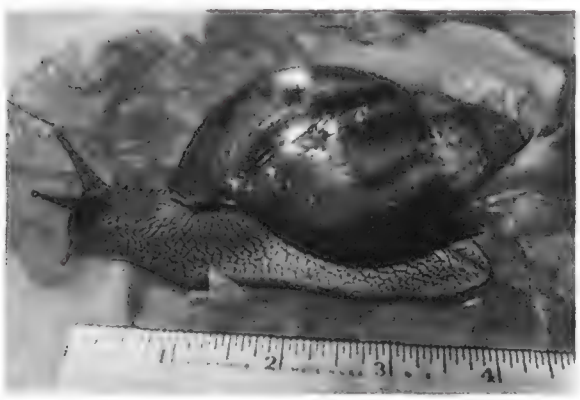
The follicles from which hair grows are alternately active and quiescent, under the influence of certain naturally occurring steroid hormones. As one grows older the quiescent phases lengthen, the hair follicles change their nature and ultimately lose the capacity to grow hair at all.

Now, some cholesterol is formed and stored in the skin and is the "precursor" of all the steroid hormones. Therefore it, and not the particular hormones, may be the culprit when too much of it is present. The Finns have attempted a treatment for pates suffering from incipient baldness, wherein a detergent compound is used over several months. The detergent breaks up the cholesterol and apparently encourages the follicles to remain in the growing phase. The *New Scientist* reporter, Nicholas Valéry, whose brow extends to the back of his head, regards the theory and the treatment with considerable skepticism.

The end of the tunnel

The casualties exceeded 100,000 in a six-year war that ended this spring with an announcement of victory. The war theater was southern Florida, the victors the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the enemy the giant African snail.

All of the dead were descendants of an original pair that was brought from Hawaii by a child and let go in his grandmother's backyard. Hermaphroditic, with a prodigious reproductive capacity, these pests spread throughout the Miami-Hollywood area, feeding voraciously on shrubs and ornamental plants, and eating the paint off the walls of houses in order to obtain calcium for their shells. They would leave behind trails of slime and



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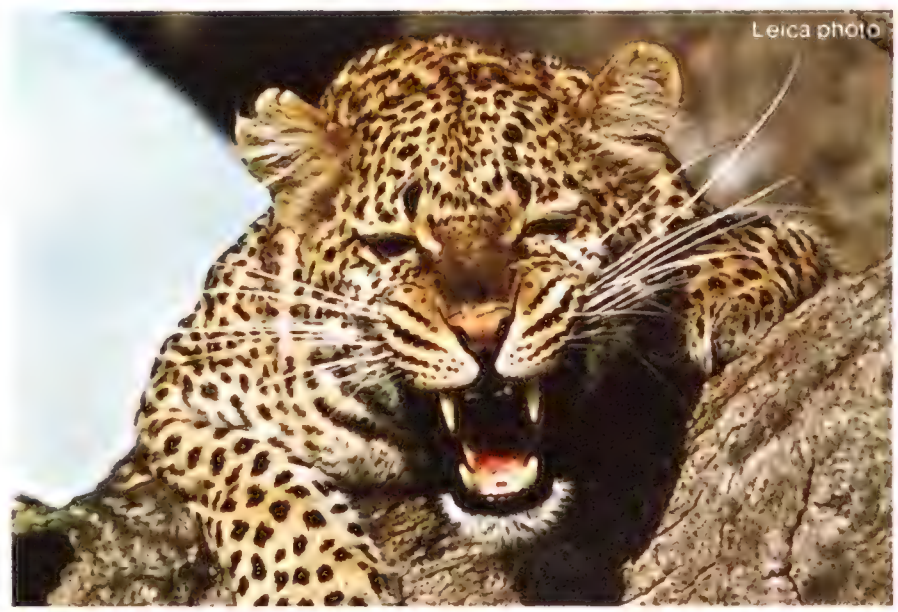

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Bird watch

In 1930 the white-tailed kite was considered endangered and nearing extinction in California. This sounds pretty bad until you hear that in 1913 there was only *one* of these birds officially recorded as a resident of the state. Presumably, along with a large number of Americans, at least one other kite must have migrated there in the interval.

In recent years the number of nesting pairs has been about 30, but last season some 70 nesting pairs were noted. Furthermore, the kites have been found to be moving into northern and southern California from their base in the Sacramento region, as well as slipping across the border into Nevada. Why the increase has taken place is not clear, according to the Smithsonian's Center for Short-lived Phenomena (of which, one devoutly hopes, this is not one). The California Fish and Game people in Sacramento have come up with what seems an impeccably logical answer: The increase, they suggest, is connected with "a drastic reduction in the killing of these raptors by humans."

There is yet more good news. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel reported an encouraging ratio of immature bald eagles to adults all the way from Dubuque, Iowa, to Rock Island, Illinois. The World Wildlife Fund reported that a ninth Mauritius kestrel has been discovered (the addition of one to the previous count of eight still leaves this the world's most endangered bird), and that 35 Manchurian cranes and four Japanese crested ibis, previously believed extinct on the mainland, were found near Panmunjom right in the heart of the DMZ in Korea.

In addition, a team from the U.S. Army, the Forest Service, the National Audubon Society and Cornell University was engaged this past spring in reintroducing the peregrine falcon to areas in

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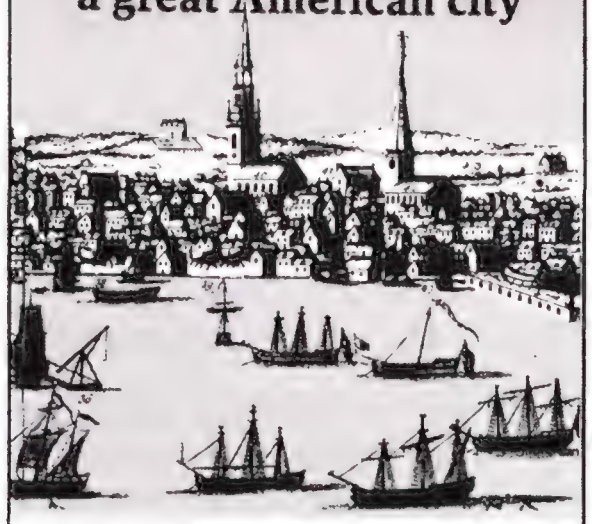

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Before one gets a case of ornithological euphoria from such reports, however, one should also be reminded that the National Audubon Society's list of birds headed for trouble has had nine new species added this year: canvasback duck, purple martin, reddish egret, mountain quail, upland plover, common nighthawk, Lewis' woodpecker, hairy woodpecker and lesser goldfinch.

Inventions

The Department of Commerce has announced that some 3,500 devices invented by federal employees will become available for commercial licensing in the next nine or ten months, and if you want to find out what your ingenious public servants have been up to in recent years, subscribe to the Department's weekly bulletin, *Government Inventions for Licensing*. Certain common notions about clock-watching bureaucrats will no doubt be confirmed by one example: A National Aeronautics and Space Administration employee has given birth to "an apparatus for manually adjusting large wall-mounted clocks while the operator stands on the floor. . . . The device consists of a long-handled tool which slips over the reset knob of the clock. . . ."

Inspired by an article on the aerodynamics of golf balls, two inventors from California have created a golf ball which resists hooking and slicing even when struck by an abject duffer. The ball has dimples around the equator, smooth polar regions and a thicker skin at the poles. Teed up so it can be struck on one pole, the ball develops lift and also a gyroscope effect which resists sideways travel. It is called the Happy Non Hooker.

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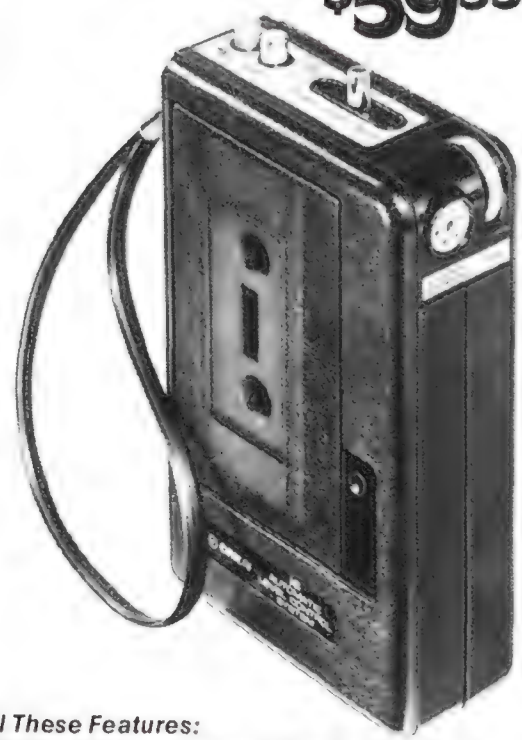

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By Maureen Green

New life for famous old stained glass in Canterbury Cathedral

The greatest collection of medieval windows in England is in danger, and restoration has begun—although not without controversy

In its time, Canterbury Cathedral has seen plenty of disasters: Fires, wars and a murderous monarch whose henchmen struck down the archbishop, Thomas à Becket, within its very walls; in later years there was another royal predator, Henry VIII, who stripped the church of its martyr's shrine and pocketed the gold and jewels that encrusted it. In Cromwell's day, one Puritan vandal wrecked a 15th-century window depicting Archbishop Becket, and later boasted of himself "with a whole pike in his hand rattling down proud Becket's glassy bones."

Despite these onslaughts, a wonderful amount of the medieval glory still remained. But now Canterbury Cathedral is faced with its most serious enemy yet: time. The air and rain, sun and wind of nearly 800 summers and winters have crumbled the stone and pockmarked the ancient glass until the very existence of these monuments is threatened. Like many another priceless relic of the Middle Ages, Canterbury Cathedral is forced to name a figure for its survival.

On this occasion, the townspeople cannot rescue the cathedral on their own; they are looking to the whole international Anglican community for help. The Dean of Canterbury has launched an appeal for $8.5 million to rescue the stained glass, repair the stonework and insure the continuity of its musical foundation, which supports a professional choir.

What wind and water and changes of temperature can do to stone over the long centuries is visible to any visitor who approaches the cathedral, like millions of pilgrims before him, through Christ Church gate and walks toward the main porch. The whole southern side of the building, gleaming tawny yellow in the sun, can be seen with the naked eye to be falling into some disarray (p. 30). Masonry on the southwest tower and along the south side of the nave is in an obvious state of disintegration; the southwest gable appears to be slipping and about to buckle the glass.

The picturesque beauty of the decay does not disguise the fact that the fabric of the building is quite simply wearing out. Cracks need to be repaired, large sections need to be replaced, arcades and niches, parapets and pinnacles must be painstakingly resculpted. Work already has begun on this most basic task of holding the cathedral together. Crumbling areas of stone are being cut away, masons are chipping and carving the replacements. The immensity of the task can be gauged from the fact that the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral has signed a 50-year contract for the import of stone from Poitiers in France, the material closest in color and texture to the original Caen stone.

It is less easy, however, for the visitor or worshiper to detect what has happened to the stained glass, the greatest single treasure of Canterbury. Careful scrutiny can show that the name of a famous figure in one of the early panels, an Adam or a Becket, can no longer be read. But the accumulative impact of the many patterns and brilliant colors of this most concentrated art form gives the visitor the impression that all is well. The impression, however, is false. Although it was already recognized that the glass needed attention,

Clear panes temporarily replace stained glass in the southwest transept window. One 12th-century genealogical panel, "Judah," is still in place.

Photographs by Farrell Grehan

In the late afternoon light, Canterbury Cathedral shows the ravages of time. Scaffolding at the right surrounds the southwest transept, where both the masonry and the window are being restored.

the real state of the windows was ascertained when Frederick Cole, an eminent English stained-glass designer, and Madeline Caviness, an American art historian, climbed catwalks and scaffolding in 1971 to have a closer look. "What we saw was dire," says Cole.

The glass, which has weathered badly, was worn thin almost all over, cracked and broken in places, and just about everywhere on its external surface it was pitted and corroded. Cole and Caviness warned Canterbury that their glass was very near to the end of its life. After receiving their report, Canterbury invited a body of international scholars and conservationists, known as the Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi, dedicated to the study and preservation of the stained glass of Europe, to the cathedral. These scholars were equally alarmed at what they saw.

The scholars' concern for Canterbury was not just because it has more 12th-century stained glass than all other English cathedrals put together, but that the theme of this glass makes it unique, not only in Europe but in Christendom. Explaining the special fascination of the windows, Canon Derek Ingram Hill, the acknowledged expert on their iconography, recounts: "Soon after Becket's murder, the monks of Canterbury devised this enormous scheme of the genealogy of Christ to be carried out in the windows all around the choir; there were originally 88 great figures, and now we have 44 left."

Part of the Byzantine tradition of the Christian church was to chant the genealogy of Christ, the list of his human forebears, in the Christmas service. "We know," says Canon Ingram Hill, "that Thomas chanted this genealogy at Christmas 1170, four days before his murder. It was one of his last acts as archbishop. Perhaps for that reason, the monks thought that this should be the theme of the glass they commissioned in 1175, such a short time afterwards. It would have recalled one of their last memories of him."

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No other church ever attempted to portray all the ancestors of Christ in glass. At Canterbury the ambitious window scheme and the magnificent new cathedral walls rising round the monks were not only inspired by Becket but financed by well-wishers and pilgrims to the scene of the newly canonized saint's murder. As the fame of Thomas à Becket, their saint and martyr, spread and stories of the miraculous cures wrought on pilgrims to Canterbury grew, the monks added further windows in 1220 to the Trinity Chapel. These new windows depicted scenes of Becket's life and death, of his miracles and of the pilgrims who came to Canterbury.

"These are the great picture books of early medieval life," says Canon Ingram Hill. To Geoffrey Chaucer, who took his package tour 200 years later to the shrine of "the holy blissful martyr," and established the story of the pilgrims forever in *The Canterbury Tales,* these windows would already have seemed an ancient monument to be admired and venerated.

Today, however, those same windows have the doubtful distinction of being in just about the worst shape of any in Europe. Once this appalling fact had been recognized, a certain amount of scholarly panic set in. Explanations were sought, and many have been found. The city of Canterbury is more vulnerable than some (Chartres, for instance), since it is encircled by modern highways and diesel trucks pouring out fumes. Some observers, including Frederick Cole, think that this modern pollution has added to the problems of the windows. Others find no evidence to support this theory. Experts have also wondered if the fault may have much earlier origins, with the French glassmakers of the 12th and 13th centuries. As one of them pointed out, there was no "quality control" in those days.

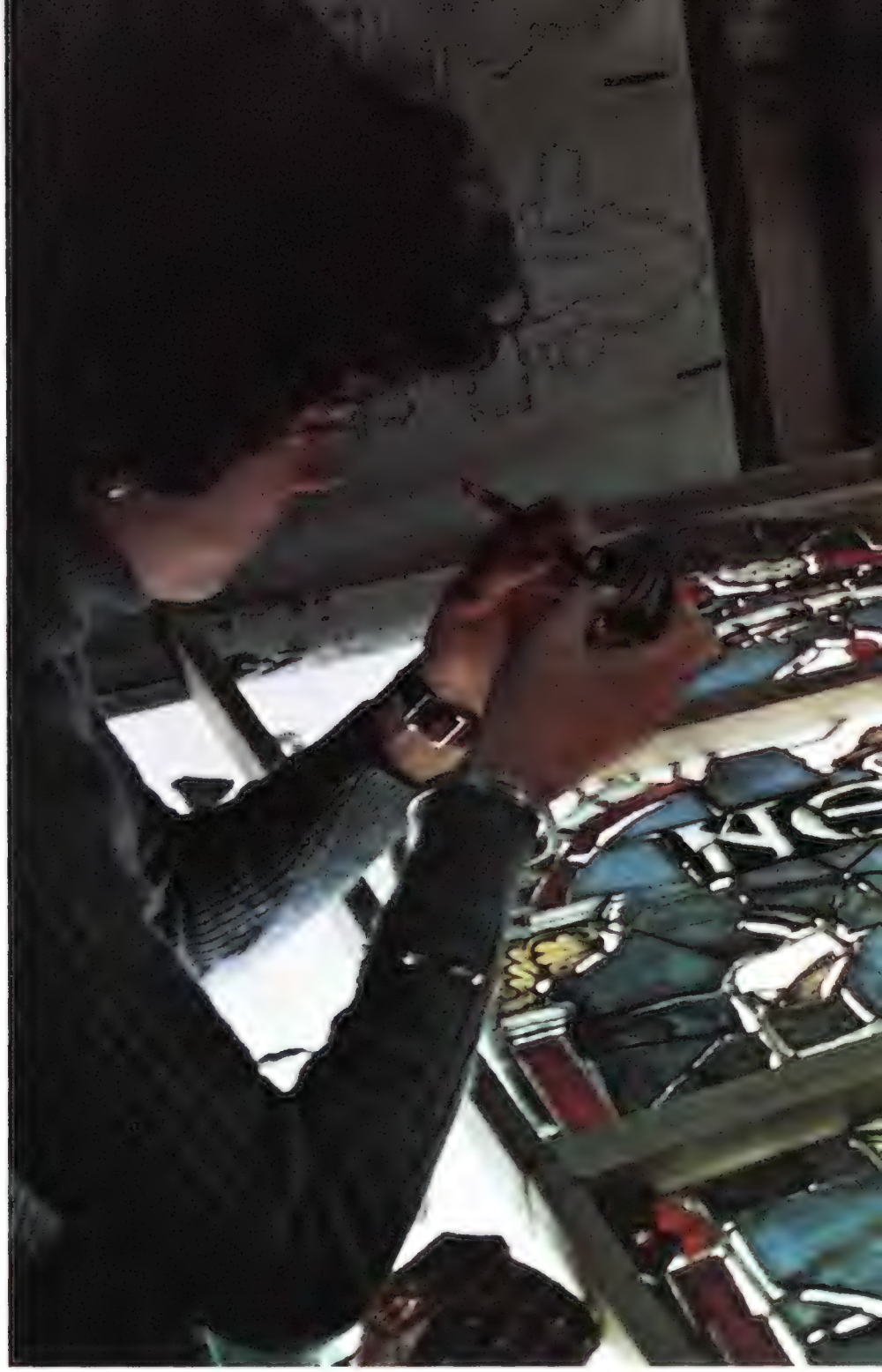
Into the crypt for safety

The deterioration may in fact have been aggravated during the last war. In the autumn of 1939, when the whole of England lived in dread of war with Germany, the clergy in the space of two or three weeks removed every medieval panel from the windows of the cathedral and stored them in the crypt for safekeeping. Their wisdom was proved when the Victorian panels which remained in place were later shattered by bombs. But, in saving the medieval glass from bombardment, they exposed it to moisture. The Norman crypt is strong but somewhat damp. In a letter to the *Kentish Gazette,* Professor Roy Newton of York University recently wrote: "It is my present theory that it was the wartime storage of the glass in high humidity in St. Gabriel's Chapel which was responsible for what is happening now." Other experts feel, however, that the problem began much earlier.

Head of Neri, one of Christ's ancestors, from the genealogical panels, shows condition of the old glass. Inside (above) is dirty and faded; outside (below) is encrusted with the products of corrosion.

New life for Canterbury's old glass

Glass awaiting attention—and some of it may wait for years—is stored in controlled conditions.



The 12th-century Neri panel, after its leads were removed, has been reassembled on an illuminated

There could be no disagreement about the next step, however. Immediate action was needed to halt the decay. The cathedral clergy appointed Frederick Cole to become director of stained-glass restoration, with a seven-year program to tackle the most seriously ravaged glass first. He is backed up by an advisory committee which includes such international experts as Dr. Robert H. Brill of the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York, and Professor Roy Newton. The methods of all restoration arouse controversy, and Canterbury's glass program is no exception, but after much experiment Frederick Cole worked out a technique that sounds drastic but that he believes will be effective, and assure the continued existence of the glass for future generations. With a team of assistants, Cole has set up a workshop in the cathedral precincts, where they are now beginning to provide the ancient glass with much-needed first aid.

tray. Anne Marsh is bonding two pieces of glass,
while Andrew Small is restoring pigment with a brush.

To begin the vast program, which will eventually involve 6,700 square feet of glass, Frederick Cole chose two of the genealogy panels from the south choir clerestory, solemn figures of prophets regarded as ancestors of Christ, named Resa and Neri. Once the panels were removed from the iron embrasures, and carefully lowered to the cathedral floor, they were taken to the studio where Cole's team gently brushed off the dust of yesterday and prepared to treat the dirt of centuries. Before any work begins on the glass, craftsmen take a rubbing over the leads and indicate on this outline of the design details of any broken or shattered areas; the panel is then photographed in color. The first stage of cleaning involves soaking the panel in a bath of deionized water. When the encrusted dirt begins to loosen, the panel is dismantled and the pieces of glass taken out of their leads (or cames) and assembled on a glass tray where the lead lines have been painted in with black brushstrokes. The lead is melted down and recycled to be used again when the panel is finally restored. The glass panel lives now on its tray (above), and is filed away each night with its rubbing in a strong room protected by burglar alarms and humidity and temperature controls.

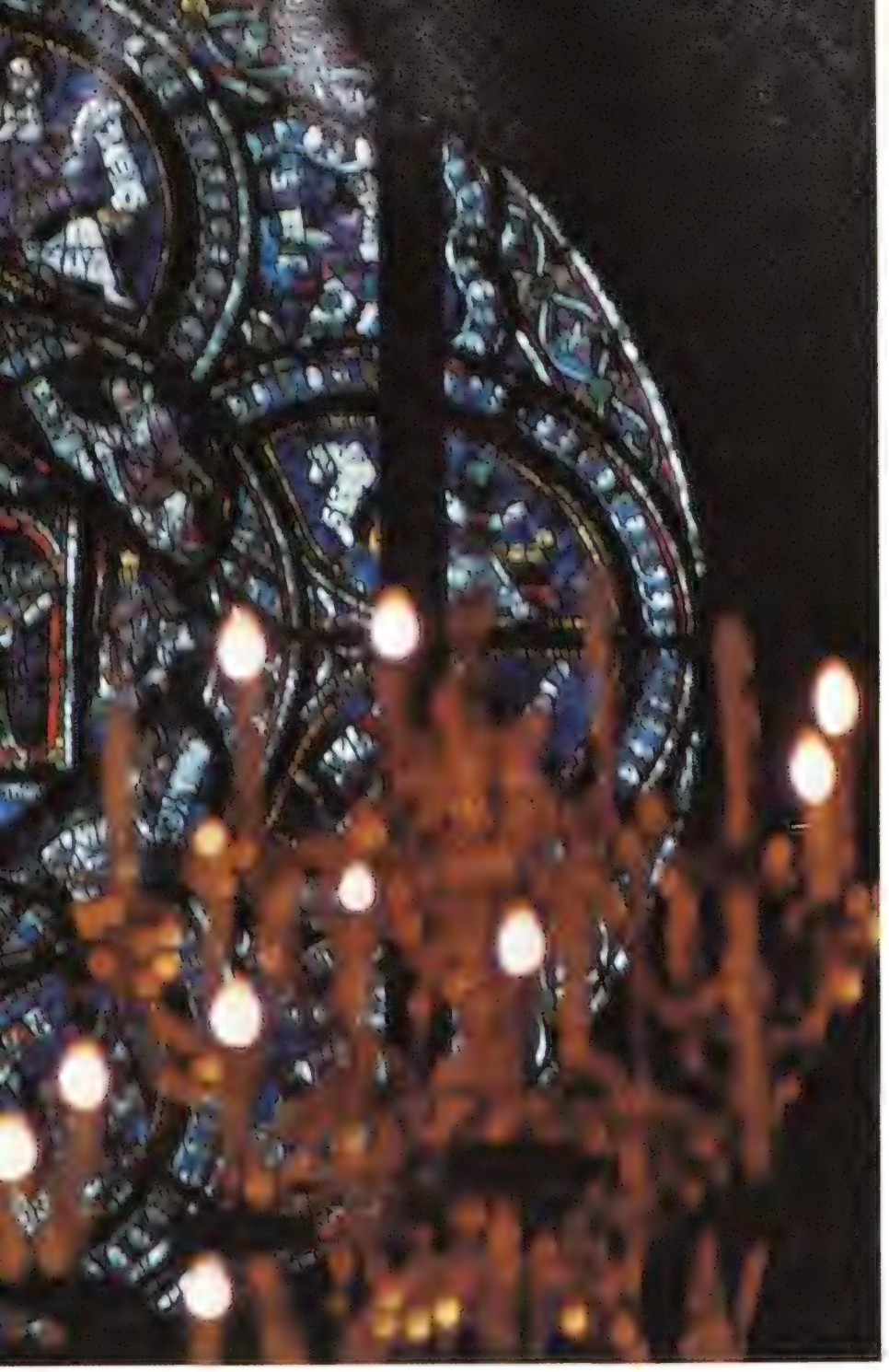
Now comes the task of examining each small piece of glass, thoroughly cleaning and repairing cracks and breaks. Each piece has a double problem, its exterior and its interior surface; most are corroded on the outside and encrusted with products of the action of sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide. The exterior resembles a miniaturized version of the moon's surface. The interior is coated with grime. The glass is first stacked in what looks like a miniature dishwasher, an ultrasonic device, where it spends six minutes immersed in a solution of ammonia and deionized water. This removes loosely adhering dirt and weathering

products. Assistants then tackle the outside surface. The remaining corrosion products are removed with an airbrasive device which uses glass powder projected under pressure. This can be viewed as an extremely gentle form of sandblasting, using a soft material as an abrasive. It leaves this surface clearly pitted but clean. An even more delicate approach is taken with the interior surface, since the craftsmen have to be careful not to disturb any pigment in the painted decoration. A dilute solution of epoxy resin and acetone is run along the edge of each painted line. This solution seeps between pigment and glass, forming a strong bond. The cleaning is done with a high-speed fiber glass brush. Both surfaces are now clean and the paint consolidated. But there may still be problems.

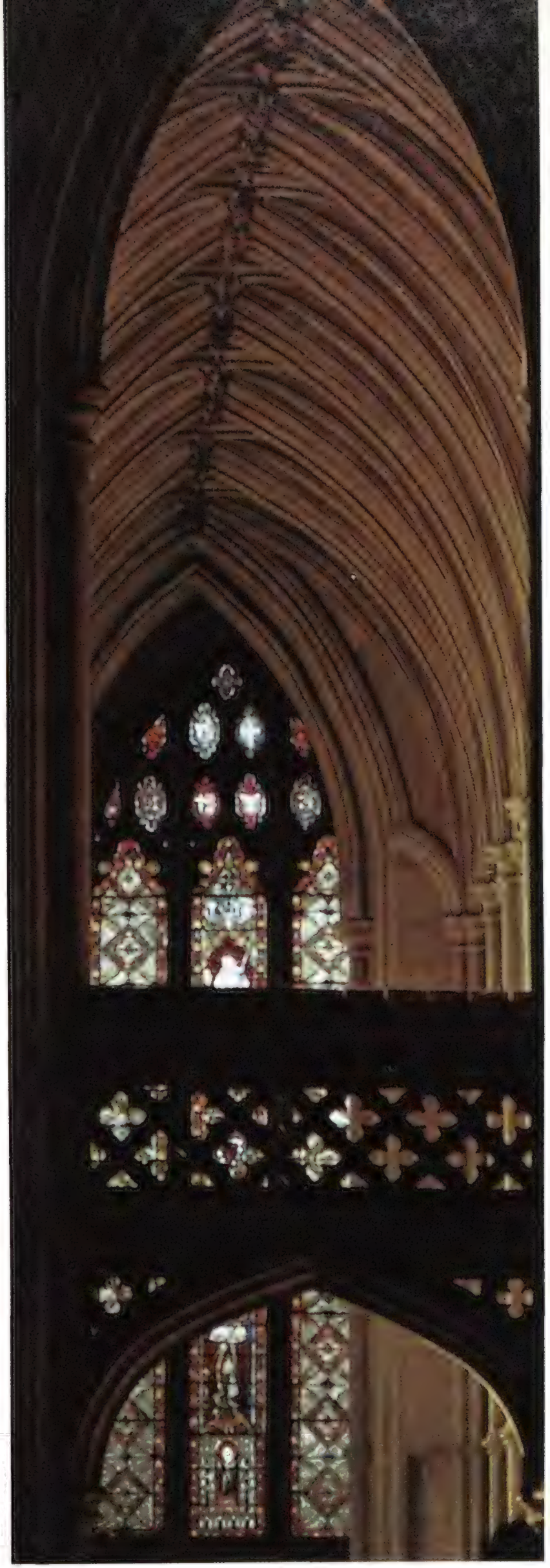
Breaks receive edge-to-edge mending and gaps are filled. Finally, to restore translucence to the glass, Frederick Cole has developed a delicate and carefully controlled technique of acid polishing. "It is a very precise process although it makes use of a dangerous acid, hydrofluoric acid," says Cole, "but with it we can restore glass from a dull surface to a high polish."

Even so, the glass is not yet in a fit state to be replaced, just as it is, to face the elements once more. In many sections of the design, letters and faces and colors are missing. Frederick Cole has taken on the dual problems of support for the glass and making necessary additions to the design to help make the windows intelligible once more, with a complete system of backing glass. "In the Resa panel," says Cole, "the letters 'SA' are missing. We can no longer just replace that glass with a modern equivalent. We must not fake. Nor can we refire a design onto glass of that age. But it is important to restore the iconography. So we take a clear sheet of thin modern glass, and cut it to the exact shape of each piece of the ancient glass." A plaster mold is made of the pitted surfaces of the old glass.

Behind a chandelier, great rose window of northeast transept glows with 12th-century glass.



This glass, with prophets Jonah and Amos, is a Victorian reproduction—and hence in no danger.



Window in the south aisle of the nave, behind the Gothic stonework, consists of old and new glass.

The 13th-century windows of Trinity Chapel are among the greatest medieval treasures of England. Here, the martyred St. Thomas Becket visits his old friend, King Louis VII of France, in a dream.

The missing pattern is painted on the modern glass, which is then fired in the mold and assumes its contours. Each tiny segment of ancient glass is provided with such a piece of modern backing glass. Finally, the old corroded glass and the new protective glass are sealed together at the edges with a strong, pliable mastic. To test it for airtightness, some small sections of bonded glass have been exposed on the roof of the studio for some months, to see if rain or wind can penetrate. So far, all is well. The double-strength glass is finally releaded into its original position. The panel, now protected on its exterior surface, is ready to go back into the cathedral wall.

Such is the passion that Canterbury arouses that Cole has to defend every stage of his process. International experts, and the British public, debate every step. One English metallurgist wrote to him that the old medieval lead should not be used again, since it would be devitalized and would lack strength. But when Cole sent samples to the Lead Development Association for testing, they pronounced themselves very satisfied with its quality. Others have become fearful that the double layer of glass that is being replaced into the leads will prove too heavy, but Cole insists that there is no significant increase in weight.

Above all, Cole answers critics in the perpetual debate over restoration methods by pointing out that the whole operation can be undone at some future date if expert opinion shifts and better techniques are invented. "Earlier restoration now often seems to us reprehensible and technically inept," admits Cole. "So we strenuously avoid doing anything that is not reversible." However, it cannot be known for sure how the restored and protected panels will behave in the future. While restoration starts on other windows, Resa and Neri will now go back into their high positions in the choir, so that clergy and congregation can keep their eye on them.

Each step on the way is extraordinarily costly. Three craftsmen took six months to complete the two main panels of the Resa figure, though they will pick up speed later on. But the restoration work obviously stretches years ahead.

The fame of Canterbury still beckons many pilgrims in the present century, but they are attracted less by the supernatural powers of its martyr than by the extraordinary solace offered by the beauty of its stone and glass. For our day, this inspires enough awe. As Canon Ingram Hill says, "the miracle for us is that these windows are here at all."

Portrait of Becket, in late 12th-century glass, may have been made by someone who had seen him.

Lions normally can drive hyenas off their kill, but this young male found that the best

By Cynthia Moss

That ugly hyena turns out to be a superb predator

A pack watching lions feast on a kill probably includes the aggressors; it is the big cats who are the scavengers

The hyena has been vastly misunderstood and unfairly subjected to myths and beliefs, not to mention the fact that it is actively loathed. With its huge head and jaws, its sloping back, ungainly gait and overall scruffy appearance, the hyena is not easy to admire. Add to its looks its rather revolting eating habits, and you have an animal that has become a symbol of unattractive behavior. By no stretch of the imagination does the hyena fit the picture of a stealthy hunter—a sleek, graceful killing machine like the lion, leopard or cheetah—and yet the hyena is an impressive animal functionally. Its physique is admirably suited for scavenging from any size of carcass. With its massive head and jaws and special bone-crushing teeth, it can break all but the biggest elephant bones. Its strong forequarters enable it to carry away large portions of meat and bone. Its senses—excellent eyesight and sense of smell, acute hearing and a completely eclectic taste—

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he could do was share. Hunting hyenas are very noisy and attract lions from more than a mile away.

also aid in the scavenging life. It will eat just about anything from the rankest carrion to, reportedly, aluminum pots and pans (as many campers have testified). Needless to say, the hyena has a rather remarkable digestive system.

What is surprising about the hyena is that its cumbersome "scavenger's body" can also kill rather efficiently. The hyena was thought to be a slow, clumsy animal that could easily be outpaced by adult herbivores, and so it chose only slow, sick and old animals. After watching more than 200 kills, Dr. Hans Kruuk, who studied hyena predation and social behavior in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater for more than three years, and from whom most of my information comes, was able to show us just how wrong this assumption is. The hyena is a clever and adaptable hunter with the stamina to chase an animal for three miles while reaching speeds of up to 40 miles per hour.

The reason why the hyena has not heretofore been known in East Africa as a hunter is simple: Hyenas were rarely, and certainly never intensively, observed at night. Time after time, Kruuk would be out all night with his hyenas, would watch them make a kill and then see a pride of lions take over the carcass. By daybreak the scene would be as follows: Three or four lions are slowly eating the remains of a zebra; hyenas are circling around, keeping a discreet distance from the lions; a tourist bus drives up and someone says, "Look at those disgusting hyenas waiting to scavenge from those noble lions." In Ngorongoro, at least, Kruuk discovered that lions rarely make any kills of

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Photographs by Hans Kruuk

their own, relying almost exclusively on the hyenas to provide for their meals!

Soon after he arrived in Ngorongoro, Kruuk and his wife began following the hyenas on moonlit nights, and they discovered a Jekyll and Hyde transformation in the hyenas between day and night. At night hyenas become aggressive and successful killers of large animals—not just the young, sick and lame, but healthy adults. They are able to kill both young and adult wildebeests, zebras and Thomson's gazelles, and, less frequently, they kill other animals such as eland, buffalo, waterbuck and kongoni. This is not by any means to suggest that the hyena is not a scavenger. Given a lovely ripe carcass, any hyena will feed from it with great relish. The hyena above all is an opportunist, but if there are no carcasses to feed on, he will not starve to death for lack of hunting skills.

Hyenas hunt regularly in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro. In both areas they hunt more than they scavenge, and in Ngorongoro they are almost exclusively hunters. Hyenas were observed at 622 carcasses in Serengeti, and of these 68 percent were killed by the hyenas; of 297 carcasses in Ngorongoro, 93 percent of the animals were killed by hyenas. These figures show that the hyena is as much a hunter as any of the other large carnivores, all of whom also scavenge to some extent (with the possible exception of the timid cheetah). The lions in Ngorongoro turn out to have far more of a scavenging nature than the hyenas there.

Out of 61 observations in Ngorongoro, where both lions and hyenas fed from the same carcass, 84 percent of the corpses had been killed or first found by hyenas and only 6 percent had been killed by lions (the remaining 10 percent being uncertain cases). Even in the Serengeti, out of 129 observations where both lions and hyenas fed, 53 percent of the carcasses had been killed by hyenas and 33 percent by lions (with the remaining 14 percent uncertain).

As lions are almost always able to appropriate a kill from hyenas, they are a serious competition to the hyenas—which as a result have to kill more often. In Ngorongoro, where lions rarely kill for themselves, an unusual situation arises in which the hyenas are responsible for the prey selection for both their own diet and that of the lions.

The great majority of all the hyena kills which

Hyenas do almost all their hunting at night. The packs hunt zebras (see eyes in background) and take turns trying to get past the stallion to the mares and foals. When they do, the stallion gives up.

Despite the efforts of its mother, a hyena moves in on a rhino calf. Dr. Kruuk observes that hyenas eat anything from insects to large animals, not to mention snakes and automobile taillights.

Kruuk observed were of medium-sized ungulates, although hyenas will kill and eat a wide range of animals—as Kruuk says, "any size between a termite and a buffalo." The diet list he has compiled includes porcupines, springhares, puff adders and other hyenas. Other observers have reported hyenas eating fish, humans, black rhinos, hippo calves and young elephants.

Since wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle form the bulk of the hyena's diet, Kruuk concentrated on the hyena's methods of hunting these animals. The hyena adjusts its hunting methods to the different antipredator devices used by its prey. One cannot but gain respect for it once one becomes aware of its ingenuity. Each animal is hunted differently.

Adult wildebeests are usually hunted at night by single hyenas or, at most, by three. The hyena heads for the wildebeest herd and often is able to approach within 10 to 20 yards of the nearest animals before they react by lifting their heads. Once near the herd, the hyena begins a series of testings, either by dashing into the midst of the herd or chasing an individual at random. This may happen a number of times, the hyena moving from group to group, chasing and watching, until a victim is selected and chased in earnest.

It is difficult to determine the factors responsible for the selection. The animals picked generally looked healthy and fit, and Kruuk could not see anything in a chosen animal's demeanor or gait that made it in any way different from others. As he says, "It is obvious that hyenas are able to detect differences in performance among individual wildebeests that I cannot see," and compares their ability to that of a veteran horse dealer. Hyenas may be attracted to small changes in an animal's behavior or appearance. One scientist working in Ngorongoro captured a number of wildebeests, painted their horns white and then released them. Within a few months almost all of these wildebeests had been killed. Wildebeests that were tranquilized and then released when they appeared to be fully recovered were also chased and killed by hyenas.

Once the wildebeest is selected by an individual hyena and the chase begins, other hyenas often join in. As they get closer, the hyenas snap at the legs and loins of the wildebeest. On a successful chase, these bites will finally bring the animal to a halt. (Sometimes a wildebeest will run for water, plunging into a lake or stream, but this does not seem to deter the hyenas at all. In seven cases observed by Kruuk, the wildebeest

A wildebeest that tried to escape by running into water is eaten where it was brought down.

ran into water and in each case it was killed either by the hyenas or by drowning, so this habit does not seem to have much survival value.)

When the wildebeest is stopped, it is invariably killed even if only one hyena is there. The wildebeest makes a few half-hearted attempts to protect itself with its horns, but the hyenas largely ignore these efforts. The wildebeest is literally killed by being eaten. There is no killing bite. The hyenas simply bite and tear at the animal until it is disemboweled. It has been suggested that the wildebeest is in a state of shock and not in agony. To the human observer, however, it is ghastly to listen to (they make a loud, moaning cry) and to watch what seems an excruciatingly long, slow death. The wildebeest is dead within one to 13 minutes after being brought to a stop. The more hyenas involved, the more quickly the animal dies.

Counting only those hunts where a chase was begun, not "tryouts," Kruuk witnessed 49 chases of which 44 percent were successful. In the cases where the wildebeest got away, it was usually because it outran the hyena, ran into the midst of a herd, or the predator stopped the pursuit at the boundary of another hyena clan's territory.

Wildebeest calves are hunted extensively at the time of the year when females drop their calves—in January and February. Those few weeks must be a kind of hyena heaven, for then all the hyenas, even the juveniles, are full and fat. It has been suggested that hyenas hunt for lost calves that have been separated from their mothers, and they are condemned for attacking these motherless calves. In fact, in 108 hunts of calves witnessed by Kruuk, only one was a lost calf. This is not to say that hunting calves with mothers is braver or fairer; it is simply absurd to criticize hyenas for any of their hunting methods.

In all the calf chases observed by Kruuk, however, hyenas were successful in 32 percent of the cases. In the unsuccessful attempts, the wildebeest calves escaped most often by outrunning the hyenas, and secondly by the mother's defense. But the single most important antipredator effect for wildebeest calves is the synchronization of calving into the brief three-week period when 80 percent of the calves are born. With the combination of sheer numbers and the crowding into breeding herds, the hyenas are simply unable to take every calf. Even so, the Ngorongoro hyenas take a a huge toll of the calves—about three-quarters of the number born each year. However, if they were born throughout the year, or over a longer calving period, the hyenas and other predators would probably get nearly all of them.

Zebras are hunted by a different method. The hyenas form packs of up to 30 animals to overcome the particular problems of killing a zebra living in a close-knit family group. The hyenas deliberately set out to hunt for zebras to the exclusion of all other prey, and this seems to have little relevance to the availability of zebras in the hunting range at the time. Before a zebra hunt, clan members meet at the den or often at the special meeting place Kruuk calls the "club." There the hyenas meet and perform what seem like endless greeting ceremonies. There are usually more males present than females, but one or two of the older females of the clan always lead the pack. Once the socializing is finished, the pack (its mean size being about 11 members) moves off with tails up in the alert posture. At this point an observer can readily recognize the hyenas' intention to hunt zebras. There may be no zebras in sight, but the pack will ignore large herds of wildebeests until they find a group of zebras.

When the zebra herds are located, the hyenas slowly walk toward them and are able to get surprisingly close before the zebras react. Hyenas do not test zebras as they do wildebeests. Usually the hyenas move slowly from group to group, looking for something that attracts them before beginning a chase. The chase may be initiated by the zebras fleeing when the hyenas get too close, or by the hyenas running at them. Even before a chase begins the family stallion may threaten the hyenas; this initial threat is often enough to deter the hyenas, who may then move on to another group.

If they are not deterred and the chase begins in earnest, the zebras bunch up and move away at a slow pace, sometimes not even running. The stallion keeps between his group and the hyenas who follow in a semicircle behind. Each hyena then acts independently, trying to get past the stallion which lashes out at them with his front hooves and also tries to bite them. He may pursue a hyena for more than 100 yards. In a successful hunt, one or more hyenas manage to outflank the stallion and reach the mares and foals. If one of the zebras is in poorer condition than the others or is slowed down by bites from the hyenas and falls back, the whole pack immediately converges on it. At that point the stallion does not make an effort to defend the individual, although a mother will defend her foal. Like the wildebeest, the zebra does not try very hard to defend itself and it is also killed by disembowelment. As the number of hyenas in a pack hunting a zebra is large, the animal's death is usually quick.

In 47 chases of zebras, hyenas were successful 34 percent of the time, and of these kills 31 percent were foals under a year old. For every 100 females killed, only 45 males were killed. As Kruuk says, "It seems that the stallions are better able to protect themselves than their families." It was impossible to determine what made a zebra hunt successful, or what behavior on the part of the zebras aided in their escapes. It seemed odd that they let the hyenas get so close at the start. Kruuk postulates that if they ran every time they sighted hyenas, the disturbances would cut considerably into their grazing time.

The third species favored by hyenas, the Thomson's gazelle, is usually hunted by one hyena. Tommy fawns, which from birth to about two weeks lie hidden and well-camouflaged in clumps of grass, are actively searched for by hyenas who wander from clump to clump. When one is found, the hyena grabs and bites and shakes it. If there is more than one hyena present, the fawn is torn apart and consumed in a matter of seconds. Older fawns and adults are selected by sight and chased. Often the gazelle "stots" (a stiff-legged bounding gait, which is thought to act as an alarm signal and a distraction technique) when it is first

Hyenas swarm over a kill, while jackals wait for any leftovers. Hyenas eat fast, but this time they weren't fast enough. As is often the case, lions appeared. To see what happened, turn the page.

chased, and then breaks into a flat-out run as the hyena gets closer. Juveniles also bleat while they are being chased and their cries, plus the stotting, attract their mothers and other female gazelles, who then try to distract the hyena by running back and forth directly in front of it or just to the side of it. Kruuk says, "I have seen up to four female gazelles 'distracting' at the same time in aid of the same fawn—all to no avail, as the presence of a distracting adult does not seem to affect the hunting success of a hyena." The hyena simply ignores the mother or other females and continues chasing the fawn. The chase, which usually goes in a circle, is very fast. When the hyena gets close, the gazelle makes a series of quick turns which causes the hyena to overreach and swerve back. The gazelle may be able to escape by using this technique, but Kruuk has only once seen a hyena give up when the chase had reached the point of zigzagging. In a successful attack, the hyena catches up with the gazelle, grabs it and kills it, usually with a bite to the head or neck.

Other animals—such as kongoni, buffalo, eland, topi and warthogs—are also sometimes successfully hunted, but nowhere near as frequently as the ones discussed above. Kruuk once found 60 hyenas feeding from an adult buffalo which they had killed. Both eland and buffalo live in herds which react aggressively to hyenas. Herd members cooperate in defending their calves, making these species difficult to prey upon, and yet hyenas manage to make eland and buffalo kills from time to time. Again the hyena is confronted with different defenses and again it responds accordingly.

After watching more than 200 kills Kruuk was most impressed with the hyena's adaptability as a hunter: "Hyenas deal with the aggressive zebra, with the wildebeest or rhinoceros mother defending her calf, with the fast adult gazelle and its well-camouflaged fawn, with a wildebeest jumping into water and a warthog backing down a hole. They are obviously very versatile." The hyena, then, is clearly a true hunter in Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti, deserving that description as much as any lion.

Hyenas are responsible for the death of almost every wildebeest in Ngorongoro and for a smaller percentage in Serengeti. Although less is known about the population dynamics of the zebra than the wildebeest, their numbers remain about the same in Ngorongoro and it can be assumed that the hyenas are an important regulatory factor, since they are responsible for almost all of the zebra mortality. The Thomson's gazelle, on the other hand, is preyed upon by other carnivores (jackals, wild dogs, cheetahs), so the hyena is not the sole killing agent and it is difficult to say what proportion they are responsible for.

The hyenas in Ngorongoro not only compete with each other over food but, as we have seen, they must also compete seriously with the lion population there. The noisy hyena kills can attract lions from over a mile and a half away. In 244 kills observed by Kruuk, lions appropriated or ate from the carcass in 51 cases. Of 63 kills on which lions were found feeding, 51 had been killed by hyenas, which gives some indication of how little killing the Ngorongoro lions actually do. In the Serengeti there is much less competition—only 18 per-

A lion drives off the hyenas and appropriates their meal. When lions finished, the hyenas returned.

cent of the lion's meals are appropriated from hyenas.

As far as hyena numbers are concerned, Kruuk feels that the Ngorongoro hyenas are close to their upper limit, the competition over food preventing an increase in population. The competition must be very stiff, because the hyenas there do not live to anywhere near old age. In captivity hyenas have lived to a maximum of about 25 years; the oldest hyena skulls Kruuk found in the Serengeti were estimated at around 16 years old, and in Ngorongoro only about 12 to 13 years old. Most of the dead hyenas found had died violently, probably the result of food competition. Out of 24 hyenas found dead in Ngorongoro, 13 were killed by lions, four by other hyenas, two by man and five had died from starvation or disease. Thus the Ngorongoro hyenas cannot increase in numbers without their food supply somehow increasing.

The Ngorongoro herbivores, in turn, particularly the wildebeests and zebras, are limited by the hyenas. This may be a desirable situation. As Kruuk points out, "Most likely the effect of a sizable reduction in the hyena population in the Ngorongoro Crater would be an immediate increase in the number of wildebeests and zebras until another source of mortality would take over (most likely related to deterioration of range). If this were starvation or disease, the result of removing hyenas would probably be much greater fluctuation in ungulate numbers instead of the fairly stable situation that we have now."

The same cannot be said for the Serengeti. There the carnivores, including the hyenas, have not been able to increase in numbers to the point where they have a regulatory effect on the numbers of herbivores. The ungulate populations in the Serengeti are regulated by food supply, which in turn is affected by rainfall. Although food competition is not severe for the Serengeti hyenas and they appear to live to an older age, they still are not able to increase greatly in numbers owing to high cub mortality, which seems to be a result of migration of the ungulates. (Mothers leave their cubs for long periods to hunt.)

The killing of hyenas in East Africa, even in the national parks, has been a generally accepted occupation. Maybe the hyena is not the most endearing of animals, but it is certainly an interesting one and can be important to the overall ecology of an area. Unfortunately, few people see the animal in this way. Because of shooting and indiscriminate poisoning, hyenas have been eradicated completely in many areas and are gradually diminishing in much of their former range. Even in the Serengeti National Park, hyenas were shot on sight until just before Kruuk's arrival.

Kruuk has shown that the killing of hyenas in the Serengeti would not influence the ungulate populations, but that if the hyenas were reduced in Ngorongoro Crater, it might have a profound effect on the main herbivores and on the ecology of the whole area. Furthermore, if there were fewer hyenas in Ngorongoro, it might actually cause a reduction in the lion population as well, as the lions would then find it necessary to hunt, which is not as easy a way of obtaining food as simply appropriating it from hyenas.

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Ozone is one pollutant monitored; it has been found as far as 70 miles downwind from power plants.

By Mariana Gosnell

Ozone—the trick is containing it where we need it

Man may break it down in the stratosphere, where it's essential, and produce too much of it down here, where it is poison

You heard the news. First, that a fleet of 500 supersonic transports, flying at over 50,000 feet seven hours a day for one year, could emit enough nitrogen oxides in their combined exhaust to wipe out a portion of the stratospheric gas layer that guards all life on Earth from ultraviolet rays. Then came the warning that heat from the fireballs of nuclear explosions could tear into the same gas shield, breaking the plant and animal food chain needed on Earth by survivors of a nuclear war. Perhaps most ominous of all was the prediction last fall that the innocuous sprays in some household aerosol cans could be changed by sunlight into free chlorine, which would attack and destroy even more of the gas band, causing thousands of new cases of skin cancer and altering the Earth's climate.

What is in that precious, vulnerable gas band? A substance with bizarre properties and a dual personality: In the stratosphere it acts as a shield to protect us from deadly ultraviolet radiation, but on Earth it is one of the most toxic pollutants known. Ozone—invisible as a gas, deep blue as a liquid, blue-black as a solid—is an allotropic form of oxygen with three atoms instead of two. It is therefore highly unstable, ready at any time to give up its extra atom to other molecules. This is what makes it toxic (more poisonous than cyanide or strychnine or carbon monoxide), given to producing unexpected, violent explosions, and a more powerful oxidant than oxygen itself.

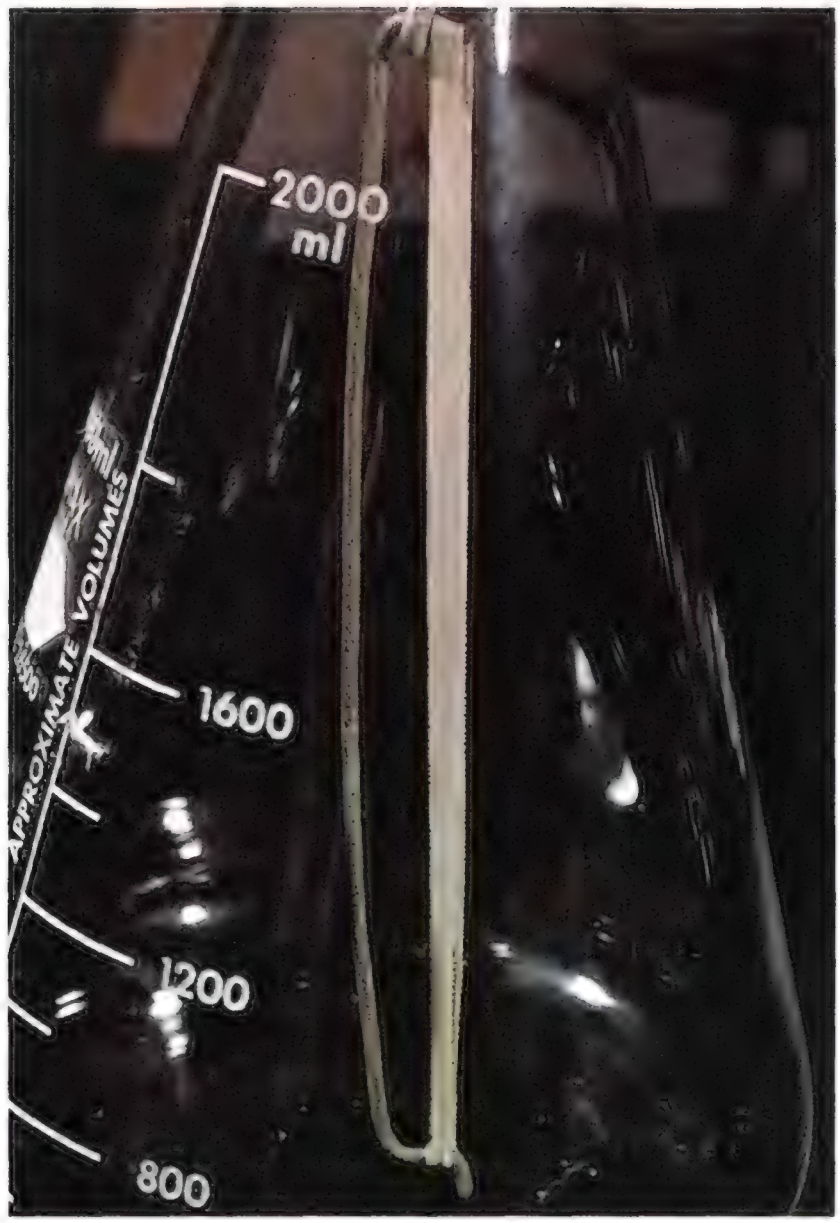
Its name comes from the Greek, meaning "to smell." People have described its odor variously as like new-mown hay, pungent, like freshly ironed sheets, acrid, disagreeable, sweet, like chlorine bleach and as something that "gets you at the back of the nostrils." Created when a spark passes through dry air (splitting oxygen molecules into single oxygen atoms, which then mate up with more 0_2 to form 0_3), the smell of ozone can be found near toy electric trains, leaking power lines and lightning.

Heralded for years as a disinfectant, bleach, deodorizer, and air sterilizer for asthmatics, ozone had something of a "good guy" image. Then, in the 1940s, Los Angeles tire dealers began noticing deep, wandering cracks in their stored tires, and housewives complained that rubber-lined washtubs, guaranteed for five years, didn't last more than one. Ozone was eventually identified as the culprit, a pernicious though hitherto unsuspected ingredient of smog, created in the Los Angeles bowl by a mixture of hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides and a lot of southern California sunshine. It was soon found to be affecting far more than rubber tires and tubs: the lettuce and spinach of local truck farms, playground equipment, city trees, petunias and hibiscus, and—in one of the many little ironies of the ozone story—the lungs of asthma victims.

Though all the effects of ozone on the human body are not understood, it is definitely known that it is an irritant to the lungs, causing coughing, tightness, pain and fatigue—especially in the very young, very old, very sick or very active, and there is some indication that it may affect the blood, lower resistance to infection and even, in combination with other chemicals, be a cocarcinogen.

Over the last 20 years, readings of ozone levels have been taken in Los Angeles at least once every single minute (one early method, still used for demonstration purposes, is to hang a one-inch strip of rubber in the

A blanket of smog, including ozone, presses down on San Bernardino-Riverside area of California.



In these pictures taken a few seconds apart, a rubber band placed in a flask of ozone first begins to crumble, top, and then to crack, bottom. Now a demonstration, it was once a test for ozone.

ambient air, pinch it, and see how fast it cracks—sometimes that takes no longer than a minute and a half). The readings are regularly included in local weather broadcasts, and are the basis for calling alerts, canceling gym classes and keeping poor risks indoors. Although the number of alerts has dropped off in recent years because of a strict auto-control program (both hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides come chiefly from auto exhaust), last year the city exceeded the federal air quality standard of 80 parts of ozone per billion parts of air on 237 days. Ozone is still the Los Angeles area's number one air pollution problem.

Recently, ozone levels well above 80 parts per billion (ppb) have also been recorded at rural stations well away from such photochemical cooking pots as Los Angeles—on a mountaintop in New York, a farm in central Ohio, a ship in the Atlantic.

How much, some researchers were asking, does nature contribute to ozone buildup? Although not much is known about the interchange between the stratosphere and troposphere, it is generally assumed that there is some slow, downward mixing of stratospheric ozone, which reaches Earth after a couple of years, and that tongues of upper-level ozone are sucked suddenly to the ground during violent storms as well. But the contribution of such "background" ozone was always considered minor. Starting last year, two scientists at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, William N. Stasiuk and Peter E. Coffey, have bagged samples at mountain and valley sites, as well as at the top of the World Trade Center in Manhattan. From their readings, and others, they reported uniformly high levels over large areas—"from here to Wisconsin and up to Ottawa," says Coffey—"for days at a time, usually when there was a high-pressure system with winds from the southwest." This led them to the controversial conclusion that "there are regional blan-

kets of ozone, and high urban loads are mainly the result of ozone-rich air being carried into the city from the surrounding air mass." "Man's contribution," Coffey speculates, "may be small."

To confuse matters, a second "natural" source of ozone is the greenery of needle-bearing trees and other plants, which gives off hydrocarbons known as terpenes. Though different in structure from the hydrocarbons in auto exhaust, like them terpenes react with sunshine and nitrogen oxides in the air to form ozone. Tons are released every day by plants (perhaps 55,000 tons, more than half as much as autos put out), yet the chemistry of ozone formation is so complex and skittish that nobody can say for sure what the contribution of vegetation to the ozone burden is.

There are guesses, though. The current best ones for the sources of earthly ozone are 20 to 40 ppb from the stratosphere, 20 to 30 ppb from forests, and the rest—"what pushes us over the edge," according to Lyman A. Ripperton at the Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina—is from Man. "Wherever we have found ozone," says Ripperton, who disagrees with Stasiuk and Coffey about the importance of human input, "we've found acetylene, the biggest source of which is gasoline combustion."

As might be expected, depending as it does on sunlight, ozone is especially rich, and especially corrosive, during the spring and summer growing seasons. It causes the greatest damage to plants of any pollutant in the country, attacking sweet corn, red clover, citrus fruits, alfalfa, beans, celery, radishes, tobacco and grapes, among others. To combat ozone burn, and more subtle effects such as retarded growth and reduced yield, scientists are trying to develop resistant strains.

Despite all the evidence of wrongdoing, however, ozone has begun to regain a bit of its old Mr. Clean reputation. It's being considered as an alternative or accompaniment to chlorine for purifying drinking water. Chlorine has come on hard times of its own, as it forms compounds that are harmful to fish and other stream life, and perhaps to man as well. Ozone is known to kill only bacteria and viruses, which it does 100 times faster than chlorine. It breaks down pesticides and detergents and, best of all, leaves no aftertaste or smell. But it is also expensive, requires a lot of electricity to generate, and has no residual germicidal power since it disappears by the time the water hits the tap. There are hundreds of ozone water systems abroad—the first was set up on the French Riviera in 1906, and Paris and Moscow now have large operations—but less than a handful in the United States.

Today ozone is also used to treat industrial wastes and municipal sewage, but it seems to be most popular in controlling odors. Despite its name, ozone doesn't mask other smells with its own; it removes the offending molecules by oxidizing or "burning" them.

Some lima bean plants can tolerate ozone better than others. Variety at left shows discoloration and leaf damage. The middle one is turning yellow. The resistant plant at right is almost injury-free.

For all the ozone on Earth, produced by automobiles, lightning and trees, it's a minuscule supply compared to what's in the stratosphere—where we want it. There is perhaps 100 times as much ozone aloft as below—but even that is a tiny amount as far as gases go. If the ozone belt, which extends from 10 to 20 miles above the Earth's surface, were moved to an area of standard temperature and pressure, it would measure only one-tenth of an inch thick. Yet without it, surface life on Earth would probably never have evolved.

Millions of years ago, there were no molecules of oxygen on Earth, but there was lots of water vapor. Sunlight broke up the vapor, releasing hydrogen atoms into space. The remaining oxygen atoms formed molecular oxygen; then, as more accumulated, ozone. One theory goes that ultraviolet energy from the sun, before there was an ozone layer to block it, helped convert some of the simple gases on Earth into simple amino acids, precursors of biotic life. As the ozone shield developed, the amino acids began to form more complicated molecules, such as DNA, the basis for the genetic code in all living organisms, which can be broken down by ultraviolet radiation. Thus the absence of the ozone shield allowed the life process to begin; its appearance assured that the process would continue. Today ozone absorbs 99 percent of the sun's ultraviolet rays at the most lethal wavelengths, 300 nanometers and below.

The ozone band doesn't shield all parts of the Earth

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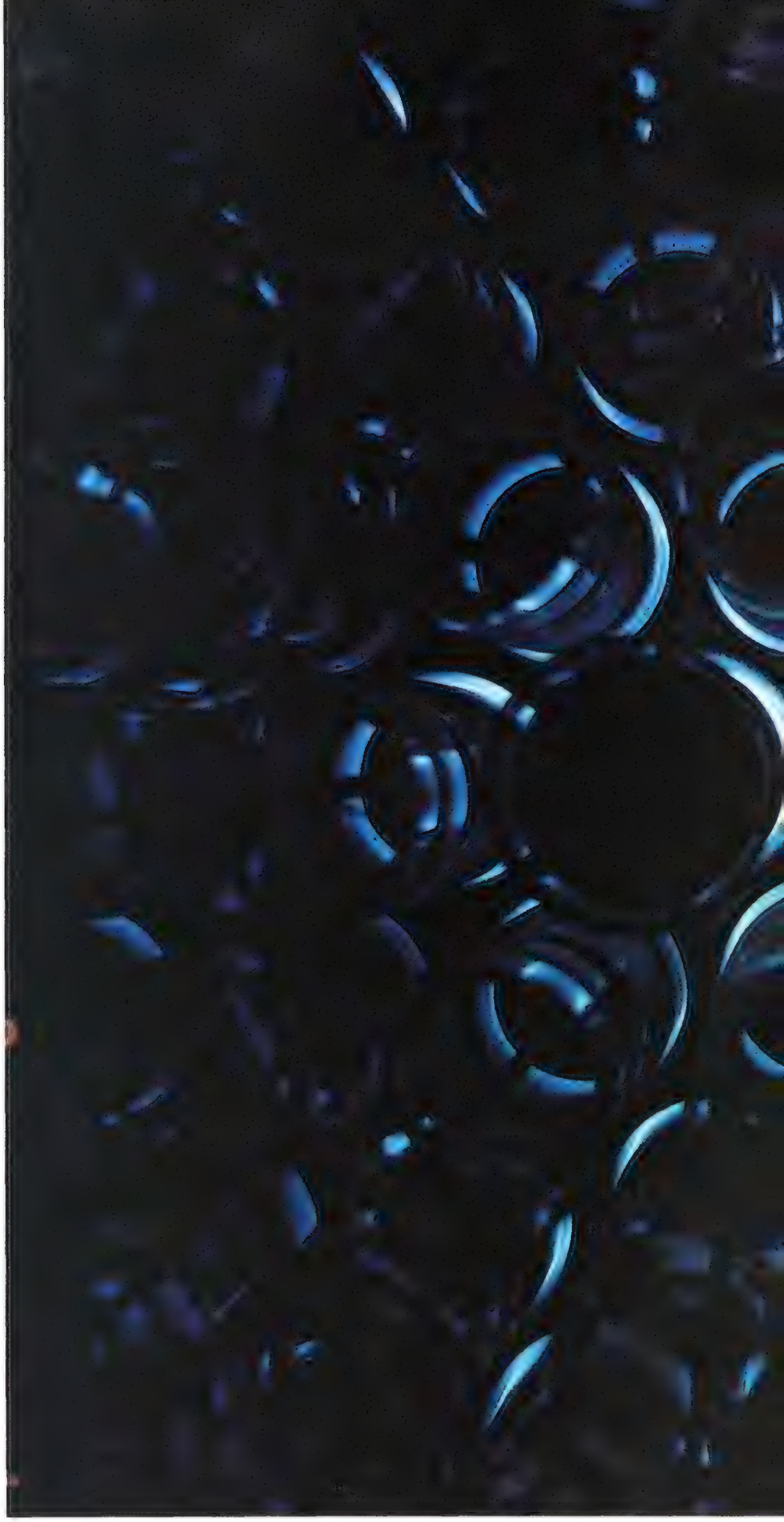


Inside an ozonator, brilliant electric arcs split oxygen molecules into single atoms; the free

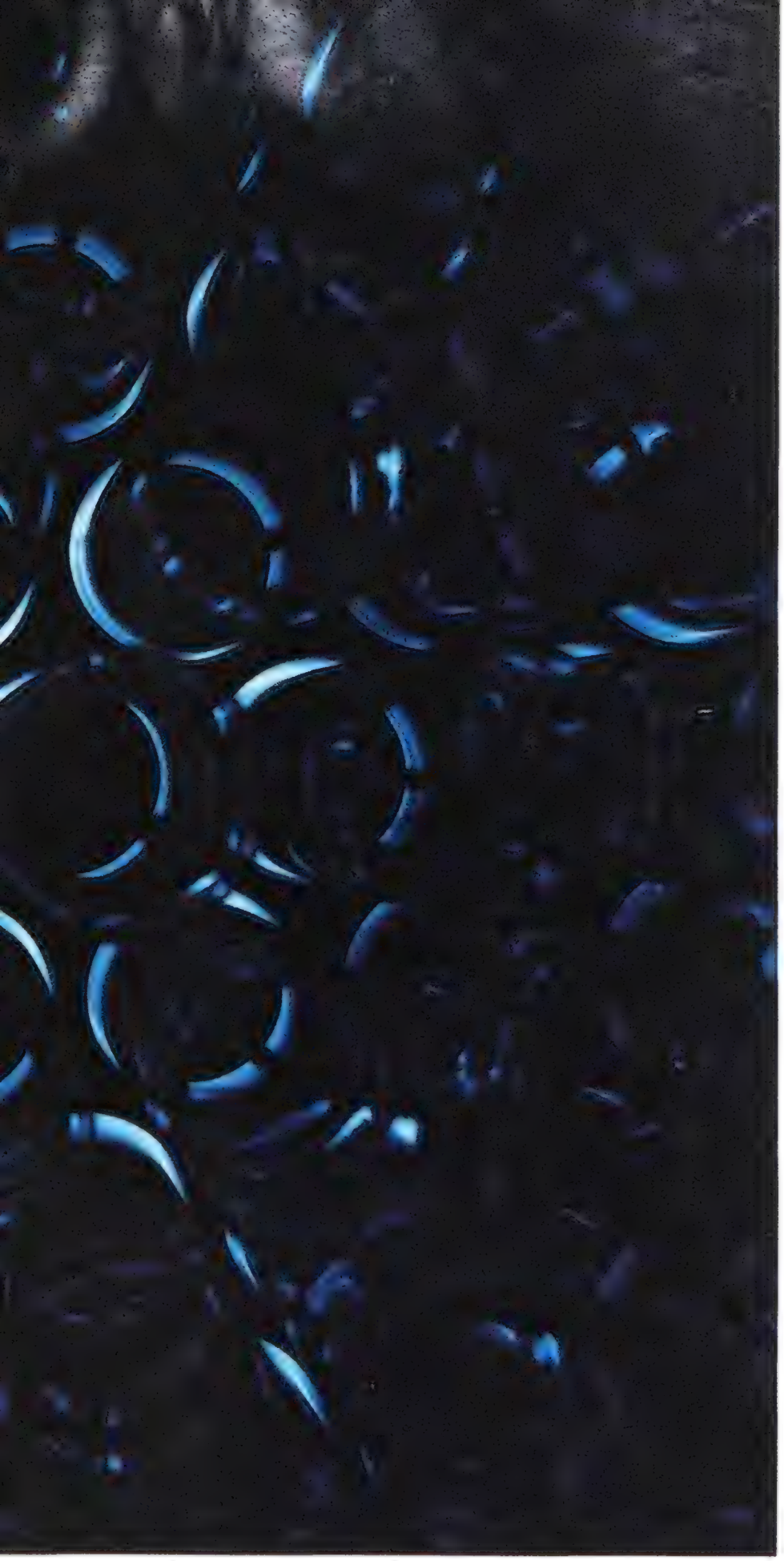
equally, however. Its upper and lower edges lift and fall, and its density changes drastically according to season, weather, latitude, and what the sun is doing. On a typical day, the amount of ozone over Minnesota is 30 percent higher than it is over Texas, 900 miles to the south. But even in Minnesota it may be 25 percent higher on one day than another.

Despite its shifts, bulges and peculiarities, the ozone belt is considered stable. The only natural catastrophe believed possible is a supernova explosion 50 light-years or less away, which could remove 90 percent of the ozone for up to a century. However, such explosions occur only about once every 300 million years.

The first indication that man might be altering the equation came five years ago when scientists who were contemplating the possible effects of SST exhaust on the stratosphere warned that water vapor could diminish the ozone layer by one or two percent. Soon afterward, Harold Johnston, professor of chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley, made the startling suggestion that damage due to water vapor would be nothing compared to what nitrogen oxides would do: speed up the destruction of ozone by a factor of 4,600. In only one year of full-scale operation, he said, 500 SSTs could destroy half of the ozone layer.

Since Johnston first sounded the alarm, at least eight other investigators have made computations on the stratosphere and have come to similar conclusions, although estimates of the degree of loss have been reduced to about 10 to 20 percent as a result of new information about the stratosphere. The latest word was pronounced early this year by the Department of Transportation after a comprehensive three-year study. Its panel of experts concluded that although the planes currently in use present no real hazard, "serious consequences [can be expected] if either supersonic or subsonic [or, one day, hypersonic] fleets are expanded to large numbers without imposing a strict limitation on engine emissions."

Another, graver threat to the ozone layer was discovered "by accident" during the SST inquiry. Intense heat from nuclear bombs, rising more than eight miles into the air, would produce enormous quantities of nitrogen oxides (a single-megaton blast can generate 10,000 tons of nitrogen oxide), which would remove



atoms then combine with other oxygen molecules to form the three-atom molecules making up ozone.

even greater quantities of ozone. But the damage wouldn't stop there: The nitrogen oxides would recycle, in an extended chain reaction, and ozone would continue to be depleted for many years after an explosion. During 1961 and 1962, when the United States and the Soviet Union set off about 300 megatons of nuclear explosives, the ozone layer is thought to have shrunk by about 4 percent. A nuclear war, the

Banks of ozonators form ozone from oxygen in the air at the Cincinnati plant of Emery Industries.

Pentagon admits, could destroy ozone over the temperate regions by 50 to 75 percent.

Yet probably the greatest menace to the ozone supply is an absurdly small, weak item, compared to supersonic jets and nuclear warheads. As satirist Russell Baker put it, "[I'm] destroying the Earth for whisker removal." The common everyday household aerosol can, which squirts underarm deodorant, bug killer, air freshener, oven cleaner and hairspray on people's bodies, furniture and houses at the rate of 600,000 tons a year, also squirts the can's propellants into the air. Nearly all sprays used on the human body and as many as half of the others have as their propellants chlorofluoromethanes or fluorocarbons.

These gases are inert, which makes them invaluable as propellants: They aren't dissolved by water, absorbed by plants or soil, or broken down by other chemicals or the contents of the cans. They may have lifetimes of decades in the troposphere, where everyone considers them harmless. Once they enter the lower stratosphere, it takes many more years for them to reach higher elevations in the stratosphere where they were also considered harmless, until recently. Last year two chemists at the University of California at Irvine, F. Sherry Rowland and Mario J. Molina, figured that "hard" ultraviolet light, available only above the ozone layer, would break fluorocarbons down and release free chlorine atoms—which are six times more powerful in annihilating ozone than nitrogen oxides.

Hurriedly, other scientists calculated, too: Michael B. McElroy and Steven C. Wofsy of Harvard University estimated that if the production of fluorocarbons were stopped immediately, an unlikely occurrence in a $3 billion-a-year industry, the ozone layer would

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A shadowgraph shows discharge from a spray can; the turbulence above and below is the propellant.

still be depleted 1½ percent by 1985. If production increased at 10 percent a year, the ozone layer would go down 15 percent by the year 2000. Since it takes anywhere from 10 to 200 years for the molecules to reach a level where they can be split by sunlight, the effects of the gases already released might be felt well into the 21st century—or longer.

Why all the fuss? What would happen if the ozone layer were destroyed? The most immediate fear is of widespread skin cancer. Estimates are that a 5 percent decline in ozone would mean 30,000 new cases of skin malignancy (including the dreaded melanoma) added to the present 300,000 cases a year in the United States.

What plants and animals might suffer is more speculative. Ultraviolet radiation appears to slow the growth of some plants, and cause increased mutation rates and decreased photosynthesis in others, but little has been measured so far. Contrary to popular belief, ultraviolet light does penetrate water, to depths of several feet. Plankton, the basis of the ocean's food chain, has proved sensitive to an increase in ultraviolet radiation in the lab, and if it is sensitive in the sea as well, the entire marine ecosystem could be disrupted. As for insects, most see in the ultraviolet range and a change in intensities might disrupt their celestial navigation, recognition of flowers and mating behavior as well as cause genetic damage.

A long-term effect of a weakened ozone belt could create a turnabout in the world's climate. As an absorber of ultraviolet, as well as infrared and visible radiation, ozone is the heat source of the stratosphere. A thinning of the layer could mean temperature and wind shifts in the stratosphere, which in turn might induce tropospheric variations, leading to changes in growing seasons, the location of deserts and rain belts and the levels of the seas. Stephen Schneider, deputy head of the climate project of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, predicts that a 50 percent reduction in ozone would create a cooling, by almost 1 degree F, which is as large a global change as the Earth has seen in the last two centuries.

Some scientists have called for an immediate ban on aerosols—"the benefits gained," says Rowland, "aren't worth the risks we're taking"—and suggested using roll-ons, pump valves and fingers instead. Meanwhile, investigators are preparing to barrage the sky with balloons, aircraft, rockets and satellites to measure fluorocarbons and other chlorine-bearing compounds (they expect to have evidence whether the fluorocarbon threat is real or not within three years).

James E. Lovelock of Britain's University of Reading estimates that the supply of natural chlorine compounds in the stratosphere (the most abundant being methylchloride from the sea) is much higher than previously assumed. If further research confirms his findings, fluorocarbons may win "a stay of execution," says Lovelock. A Dupont spokesman, Ray McCarthy, makes this point: "The planet has compensated over the last four billion years for some very dramatic changes. . . . I think the biosphere has feed-back mechanisms that maintain the equilibrium so that life on Earth goes on."

Other researchers claim, however, that ozone's capacity for self-healing will be limited in the face of unnatural, man-made attacks, and depletions could be one-way rather than cyclic. Three years ago, Mariner 9 discovered ozone on Mars but it appears mostly in wintertime and only over the polar regions. Presumably, all impurities such as water vapor are frozen out during Martian winters, allowing ozone to form, but in warmer months they either attack the ozone directly or inhibit its formation. On Venus, where nobody has yet seen any ozone, clouds of hydrochloric and sulfuric acid may be interfering with ozone genesis. "That shows what a fortunate situation evolved here," says Charles A. Barth, director of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado. But we may not remain fortunate: "Almost any impurity will end up destroying ozone," says Barth. "Instead of worrying about each new complicated molecule we put into the atmosphere, we might as well worry about all of them."

Cooled blue ozone is adsorbed onto silica gel granules in a University of Maryland chemistry lab.

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A private man whose profile became public

Widely known through studies by his famous brother Alberto, Diego Giacometti now is molding a growing reputation of his own

The face that greets you at the studio door is grave, friendly, yet shy—a very private face, for Diego Giacometti has been known to throw his coat over his head at the sight of a camera. Yet his is one of the most widely known private faces in the Western world—recorded in the busts and paintings and drawings of his brother Alberto, in hundreds of museums and private collections, it has burned itself into the recollection of countless viewers. (The Smithsonian Institution's Hirshhorn Museum has a vast collection of Alberto's sculptures.) For most of his life Diego was a kind of shadow and appendage to Alberto; now, blinking a little in the light of recognition, he is beginning to be perceived as no longer merely a brother, but as an independent artist in his own right, with a distinctive and inimitable style. At openings people whisper, "Look, there is Diego, you know, the marvelous Diego." They ask him for autographs; he has been lured onto television.

Alberto was making Plasticine busts of Diego at the age of 13. For years Diego was to sit in his brother's dark, dusty studio on the rue Hippolyte-Maindron in Paris, cluttered with clay and plaster and canvas; he was to sit on the same chair in the same pose staring out into the narrow alleyway flanked with casts of horsemen from the Parthenon, while Alberto stalked the proportions of his nose and ears and stubborn chin, searching to impose his tragic vision of humanity on this highly individual face.

Diego was more than model for all those years. He was collaborator, technician, confidant, slave. He mixed the plaster, he made the casts which translated thin clay forms into solid molds. He carried the finished plaster to the foundry, he polished and patinated the sculpture when it came back as bronze. He was up all night before the shows opened, casting the works that Alberto had finished at the last minute, carrying them still wet to the gallery. And there he would prowl with him up till opening time, while Alberto restlessly scratched a new line here, or added a daub of color there.

For decades the two brothers lived within a few blocks of each other, worked side by side every day, ate together several times a week, rubbed elbows with the same artists, dealers, collectors, barflies—and managed to be as different as two brothers possibly can. Alberto, even as a young man, had a deeply lined face, an explosive style of speech, haggard eyes, a tormented, corrosive intelligence. Diego was practical and prosaic. Working together, they could communicate almost without speech; in the studio it was as if Alberto had four hands he could control at once.

Counterpose: The image, bronze by Alberto, his universal man. The reality, Diego, the model.

A sculpted bequest

Alberto died in 1966 and went into the ultimate dark which had always haunted him (he never slept without a light shining in the room). Diego went home to see him buried, then rushed back the very next morning to save his last work, a brooding portrait of the Romanian photographer Elie Lotar with his hands on his knees. He had to hurry because the clay was wet and the fire in his coal stove sinking, and it was winter; if the water in the clay froze, the statue was ruined. He made the plaster cast in time, and eight bronze casts of it were eventually made. Diego under Swiss law had a right to one-sixth of his brother's estate and thus inherited one of the eight bronzes—it was almost all he did inherit, for Alberto squandered his money as fast as he made it and, though always aware of death, never made provisions for his own. He left no will, and Diego, who might have picked up a fortune in the course of his life by making his own collection of Alberto's sculptures, had never thought of asking for any, since he lived with them all the time. His cast of the Lotar portrait was placed last summer on Alberto's grave in Stampa (p. 65).

Diego for months after his brother's death wandered disconsolately through Paris. "What is there for me to do now?" he would say over long brandies at the bars

Photographs by Ralph Crane

Bronze flora and fauna in Diego's studio await
the finishing touch that will convert them into art.

where Alberto had burned away the nights of his last years, "I might as well herd goats in Patagonia."

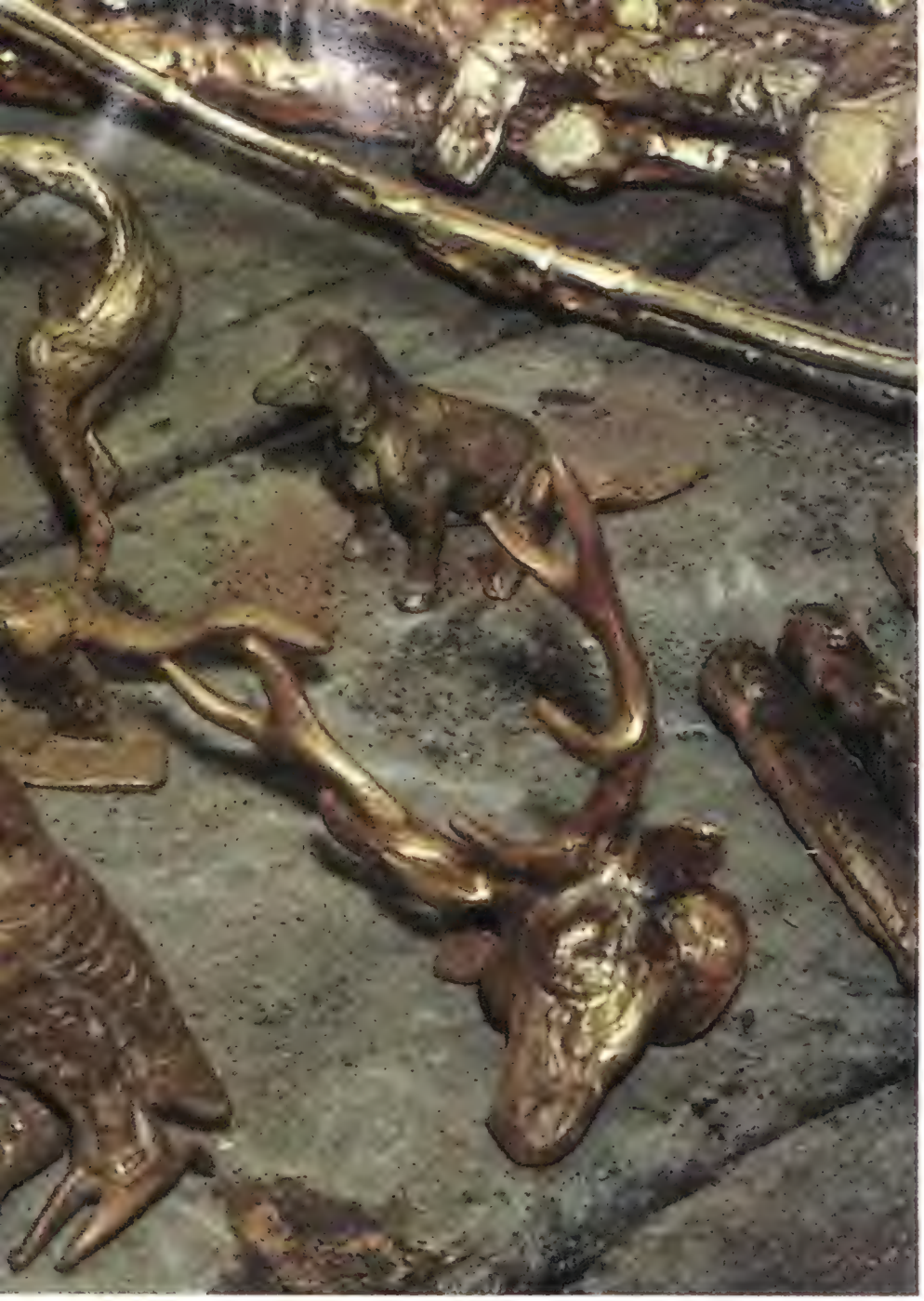
He did no such thing, of course. A faithful brother and a good Swiss, he went back to his trade. He had already begun to make a name for himself with little ornamental figures and pieces of bronze furniture, at first gifts for his friends, later snapped up by collectors. Little by little, the furniture began to become fashionable, and over the years objects such as a Diego table with dog's head finials, or a Diego chair with lions' heads on the armrests, have become objects vied for in the auction rooms; they are regarded as important works of contemporary art. He thinks, or says he thinks, that this is all nonsense.

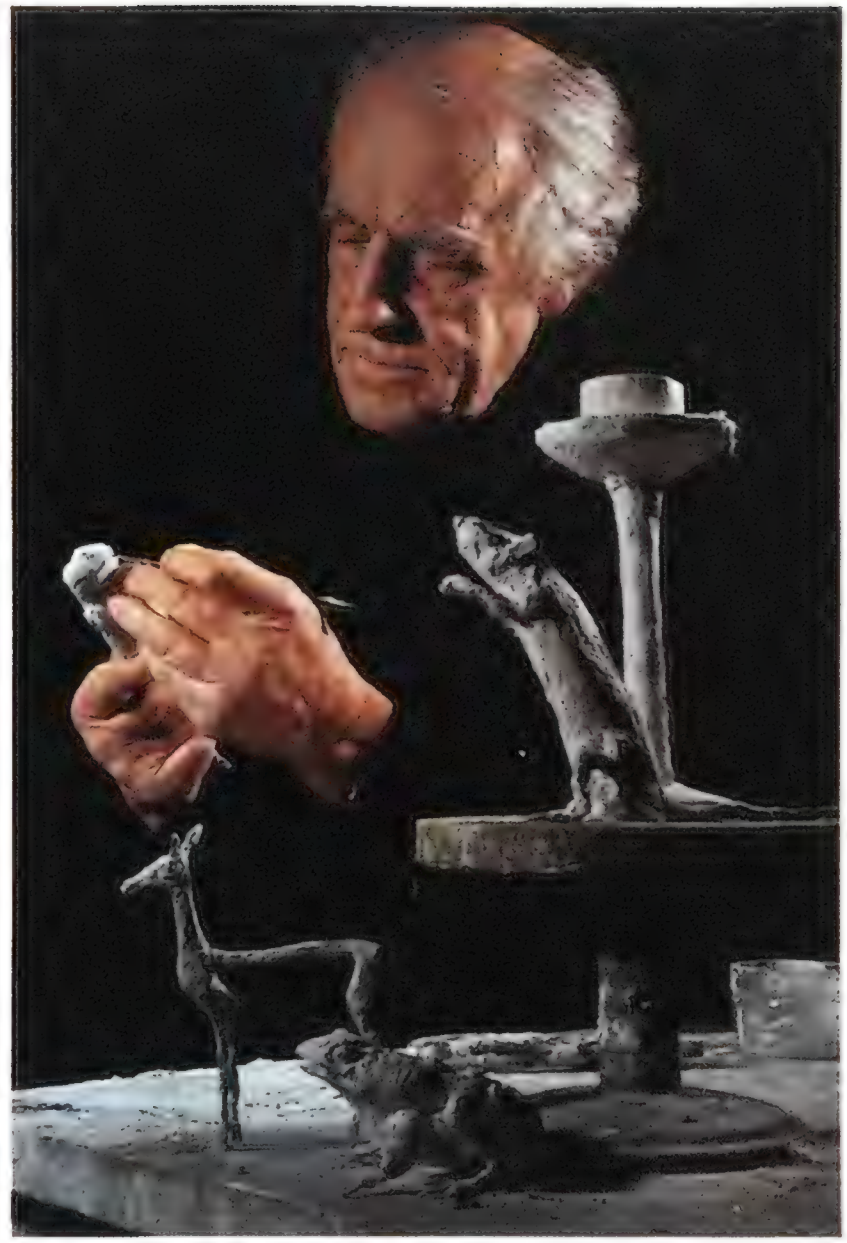
The self-depreciation is not to be taken too seriously. Diego has spent his life in the world of art, he moves through it effortlessly, his knowledge is great, his judgments precise and deeply felt. He flinches from art talk.

He sees with a cool, sharp vision tempered, perhaps, by the mountains among which he grew up. Both brothers were deeply marked by their childhood in the Bregaglia valley, just over the border from Italy in the extreme southeastern part of Switzerland, where they were born just after the turn of the century. It is an Italian-speaking, largely Protestant valley which was in the 16th century a key point in European high strategy, but which since then has been a backwater quite ignored by history. It runs east-west between sheer mountains, and most of the year it gets very little sun. In the early part of the century, snow cut it off from the outside world many months of the year. Life there, says Diego, was isolated, medieval.

For all its isolation, this was not quite the end of the earth. The boys' father, Giovanni Giacometti, a farmer's son, had become a distinguished painter who had traveled widely, studied in Munich and Paris and Pont-Aven, absorbed many of the innovations of post-impressionist art, and acquired a solid reputation as one of the leading painters of Switzerland. He had gone home to Stampa to raise his family, and could support them comfortably through the sale of his works to a wide circle of collectors.

If Alberto, marked from the start to be an artist, carried the mountains only as part of the dark background of his mind, Diego was very much a child of the country. While his brother read and sketched and brooded in caves, Diego spent active days climbing, hiking, skiing, learning the ways of the marmots and the frolicking otters, caddying at the Maloja golf course, smuggling currency across the Italian border during the years when the serene Swiss sky was shaken by the thunder of Italian and Austrian artillery across the mountains. He held odd jobs in nearby towns and went off to seek his fortune like any other valley boy, even spending an improbable year or two in Algeria and Egypt on business which he vaguely describes as connected with cotton.





A strange and endearing family of animals, created in plaster, comes into being, en route to foundry.

But by the middle of the 1920s he had found his path and was in Paris, where Alberto needed someone to help him, and Diego was glad to learn a new trade. He learned from the ground up: all the ins and outs of carving, molding, welding, casting. He lived the life of the times, met all the famous surrealists and bohemians, drifted through Montparnasse with American heiresses, and drank at the Dôme with young men like Georges Simenon who said they were going to be famous. Except for yearly pilgrimages to Stampa, he has hardly budged from Paris since, hardly budged from the 14th arrondissement.

Fame had come early to Alberto. His obsessive sexual constructions of blocks and balls and pointed blades had made him a favorite of the surrealists. He took part in their conclaves and demonstrations, and their pastimes such as the *Jeu de la vérité,* which as its name indicates consists of giving one's friends truthful (almost always disagreeable) answers to their questions. But by the Thirties he had drifted away from his admirers. He was trying to model heads, even though André Breton was on record as having told him, "Everyone knows what a head looks like." Peggy Guggenheim took one look at the heads and said in horror, "How Greek!" and shut up her pocketbook. These were the desert years.

To make a living, the two brothers had been collaborating on turning out lamps, brooches and ornamental objects of all kinds for a big decorator. More and more of this work devolved upon Diego, while Alberto scratched and scraped away at his clay and plaster heads, reducing them little by little to the size of postage stamps, fingernails, matchheads. When they left Paris on bicycles—Diego with his friend Nelly on a tandem—the day before the Germans marched in, in June 1940, all of Alberto's recent production was stuffed into a cigar box.

The Germans caught up with them a couple of hundred miles away, and shortly they were back in Paris. Alberto eventually went off to Geneva and spent the rest of the war there. Diego went to work again on the rue Hippolyte-Maindron.

An attenuated linear fox and a chubby little tree inhabit a fanciful furniture world.

When old friends came back to Paris after the liberation, they found a strangely changed Diego. It was not so much the bombings, which for most Parisians were merely a spectacular fireworks display, since only the suburbs were targets. Nor was it the privations, for with a little money you could live quite well in Paris during the occupation, if you didn't mind walking a few miles back home from your favorite black-market restaurant, where you could always spend the night drinking if you overstayed the curfew. But he was notably shabbier; the sleek Argentine look he had cultivated before the war, with his polished black hair and polished black shoes, was gone forever. Now his hair was gray-streaked and wild, and his face was creased, with plaster dust ground into the wrinkles. He had in fact begun to look rather like Alberto. It was as if, in those lonely seasons, cut off from all the world but a few close friends such as the painter Francis Gruber, he had obeyed an inner command to follow his brother's path all the way, as a deep-seated family duty. Just as there was always a Giacometti home on the main street of Stampa, so there had to be one in the Alésia quarter of Paris. It was something owed to all the tradespeople and window washers on their motorbikes, the plumbers and the drunks, who inhabit that quarter, to have a distinguished artist, a Giacometti, alive and living there, to add his own note of distinction to the nondescript streets.

Alberto came back in 1945 and took up where he had left off, modeling heads. Only this time it was generally Diego's head, and all day long he hobbled, red-eyed, around his sculptor's stand, malevolently poking at the daubs of clay. He was no longer a lonely figure—he was shortly to become world-famous, his gaunt figures a trademark, a hallucinatory image of the century.

Diego's work has none of Alberto's tragic intensity, or its sometimes melodramatic insistence. It is not meant to be conspicuous, it is meant to be used. The chairs are comfortable, the tables can be eaten off. They have a spare, solid eloquence, and would be at home in anybody's room. They are worlds apart from anything of Alberto's in tone and feeling. Alberto's bronze dog slouches along with all the weight of humanity's sins and sufferings on his narrow back, while a fox by Diego simply streaks through a space that is its own—yet the family resemblance is striking.

The skeletal bronze rods holding Diego's chairs and tables together are close kin to the limbs of Alberto's figures; and both may derive at some level of recollection from the hard, wiry branches of mountain trees. So much literature has been created about Alberto's metaphysical depths that he is often regarded as a mere expressionist, interested only in the communication of raw emotion. But beneath the surface tensions his work has a formal precision. It is in a solid tradition of sculpture that goes back to the Egyptian sculptures which fired his imagination when he first saw them in Italy as a young man. That same tradition, minus the metaphysics, is very much alive in Diego's work, and it is no wonder that many decorative objects, designed and executed by him in the days of their collaboration, have been sold at astronomical prices as genuine Albertos.

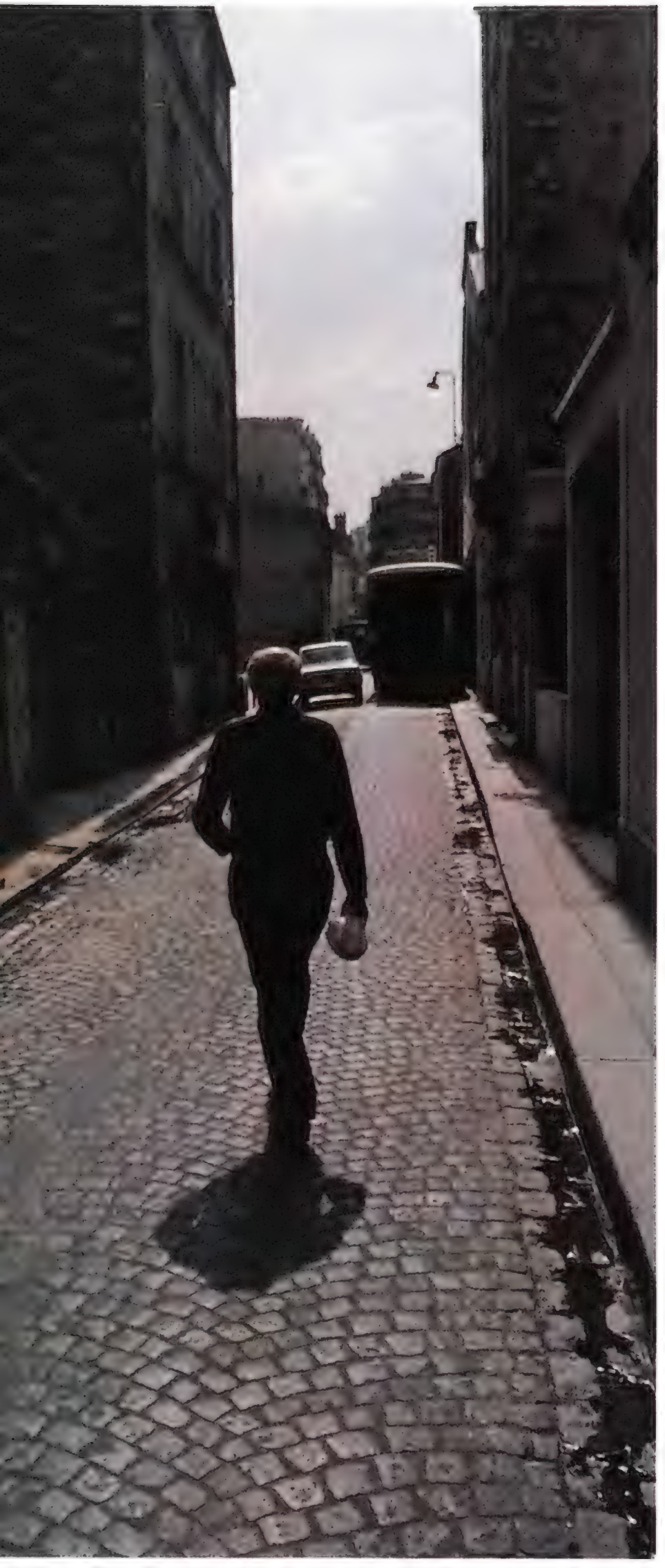
Diego's furniture-sculpture, very strong despite elegance and embellishments, is meant to be used.

In world-famous Maeght collection, Diego chandelier sheds friendly light on a Léger, below, and a Miró.

Diego's furniture swarms with animals—with cats, dogs, foxes, lions, eagles, owls, pigeons, frogs, hedgehogs, rats—and they all have a certain stamp: a grave, reserved self-sufficiency, a polite aloofness. These are qualities of Diego himself, and he has always shown a special kinship for animals that share them. He has never lived without a stray cat or two, rescued from the streets and sharing with dignity the life of the studio in between excursions on the rooftops. Once he had a pet spider, which he spoiled dreadfully, trapping so many flies on a lump of sugar and edging them over to its web, that the web ended up studded all over with cocooned victims, like so many hams in a Swiss peasant's larder. Once he had a pet fox named Miss Rose, a German fox brought back to Paris by a returning prisoner of war, who was keeping her locked up in a closet. Diego took her to the comparative liberty of his studio, where she kept him furtive yet friendly company, though all the dogs of the neighborhood howled and Alberto complained of the smell. It was probably Alberto who left the door deliberately open one morning so that she could get lost. It was the most rancorous moment of their life together, and Diego worries to this day about whether she made it through the southern suburbs into open country.

Beasts like these, translated into bronze, perch on Diego's work, proud, private, self-contained, quite autonomous. They are always animals living their own animal lives without reference to any dramatic human interpretation that might be forced on them. Horses' heads surge in baroque splendor out of a candelabrum made for the American painter Francis Parker in Cambridge, but a little fox's head peeps out curiously at the base, with an equal sense of belonging. St. George goes charging, one concentrated rush of blazonry, on his steed under the table made for Signora Angeletti in Rome; the dragon coming out of his lair to face the knight has a simple earthy look, a creature defending its home and its existence.

The animals are numberless now, as the orders come piling in from the fashionable addresses, the avenue Foch in Paris, Kolonaki in Athens, Holmby Hills in Los Angeles. The casts pile up in the courtyard of his new house, a pleasant shaded little retreat now being squeezed in by high-rises, just around the corner from the studio. He lives alone now (Nelly, a really ferocious animal-lover, retired a few years ago to the South after renouncing the whole human race when the Russians put up a dog in their sputnik), an elderly gentleman with a monklike fringe of hair which has only recently modulated from a tangled frizzy gray to a benign and distinguished white. The deep-eyed bronze lion door knocker, which might be a self-portrait, is prelude to the man within, still quite vigorous at 73,



On a lonely walk down the alley close to his brother's studio, he nears the rue Hippolyte-Maindron.

unobtrusive and courteous and quite set in his ways. He can still stay out until two or three in the morning at the old haunts with the surviving old friends, despite a stomach whose interior his doctor likens to the battlefield of Verdun (yes he remembers some awful pains thereabout 30 years ago; he has since learned it was an ulcer which periodically awakens and drives him to short-lived sacrifices like giving up whiskey for wine). But he gets up every morning at seven to go back to his armatures and his mixing bowls. He works all day, stepping out occasionally for a black coffee at Mado's café around the corner, or to buy food for his cats. He used to eat lunch at a restaurant nearby, but since they closed the restaurant he has given up lunch. Customers are always dropping by pleading for some new work, and leaving gift offerings of Scotch or caviar. There are invitations from countesses and Greek shipowners for dinners, and the Ministry of Culture wants him at its big openings; he has tailored English suits for these occasions. But he prefers his high society in small doses: "Givenchy," he grumbles, "wants me to go on a cruise in the Aegean on a yacht; what in God's name can you do on a yacht?" If he is alone for dinner, he takes a taxi about ten o'clock to Bartolo's, a Neapolitan restaurant in Saint-Germain-des-Prés, where beneath pictures of Vesuvius in eruption he orders the spiciest dishes on the menu and calls for more mustard. The cats are always waiting for him when he gets home. They grumbled loudly when he took to sleeping on the floor on account of his aching back; they were much more comfortable with him in bed. At seven, back to what he calls the factory.

As he grows older, his work has flowered into new shapes, his imagination grows more restless and poetical. The furniture is still sound and comfortable, the craftsmanship always impeccable, but a note of the odd and dreamlike comes in, the way it did in Alberto's early surrealist sculptures though without their cruelty and bite. The animals, without losing their naturalistic charm, verge into mythology; they become sirens or centaurs or totems. A chandelier made for Mrs. Paul Mellon in Palm Beach (whom he calls Mrs. Lemon, "c'est un fruit, n'est-ce pas?") becomes a floating garden of surging white flowers. Table legs swell into prehistoric goddesses; their struts and crosspieces look like the keel of the boat of the dead.

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By Gary A. Soucie

What's Uncle Sam doing with the islands he owns?

Though the largest proprietor of offshore land, the government lacks not only an overall plan but an up-to-date list of its holdings

Trees, sand and salt water form their own geometry on Wassaw Island, one of the few Sea Islands of

No one in the entire federal bureaucracy, it seems, knows just which islands Uncle Sam owns, which agencies administer them, how they are managed or to what uses they are devoted. Worse, no one seems to care. This cavalier neglect of our island estate is a strange and perplexing situation. After all, the New World was discovered by its islands; the first English colony was on Roanoke Island; the early defenses of our harbor cities were island forts; the voyageurs used islands as stepping-stones in opening up the continental interior.

The American delight in islands is recognized by realtors and by the developers of second-home resorts and retirement communities, but within the government only recreation planners are cognizant of that insatiable and perhaps atavistic need we have to be surrounded by water. And the evidence suggests that even the recreation planners wind up looking at islands simply because they happen to front on open water, not because the planners understand the special magic of islands *per se*.

All this is especially depressing if you are, as I am, one of those hopeless souls possessed by a galloping case of islomania. "An island always pleases my imagination," Thoreau wrote, "even the smallest, as a small continent and integral part of the globe. I have a fancy for building my hut on one. Even a bare, grassy isle, which I can see entirely over at a glance, has some undefined and mysterious charm for me." That undefined and mysterious charm is the very essence of islands, the elusive key to what makes them so special and fragile a part of our natural heritage.

The General Services Administration, the government conglomerate that is Uncle Sam's landlord, publishes a federal property index that is fully five times as thick as the Manhattan telephone directory, but it is impossible to tell from its entries which are island properties and which are not. Hoping to avoid having to contact *all* the federal agencies that might administer island properties, I got in touch with the Interior Department's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR).

Five years ago the BOR published *Islands of America,* the report on a recreational assessment of the nation's islands that had been ordered by President Johnson and the then Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall. I figured that the people who tabulated the national and state totals for numbers of islands, island acreages, and federal ownership figures must have arrived at them by adding up the figures I wanted.

Well, several exchanges of correspondence, numerous telephone conversations and a couple of meetings later, I can report to you that (a) the figures were not compiled by adding up agency figures, but from two years of poring over tax and property records in

Georgia that enjoy benign neglect at the hands of Man, owing to its status as a national wildlife refuge.

county courthouses across the land, (b) the island study team has been disbanded and scattered throughout the federal bureaucracy and the general populace, and (c) the boxes of property records and research data have been consigned to the oblivion of some government warehouse, no one seems to know just where.

Just for the heck of it, but knowing I was bound to fail, I asked a few agencies and departments to tell me what information they could provide about the extent and use of their island holdings. Let the Department of Defense's reply, written by Perry J. Fliakas, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations and Housing, stand for them all: "Unfortunately, DOD does not maintain records on its island holdings in a form that would readily facilitate detailed treatment of your questions." Aside from anecdotal material, then, knowledge about the extent of Uncle Sam's island estate is pretty much limited to what little can be gleaned from the statistical overview in the appendices to *Islands of America.*

From the BOR report we find that, excluding the main island of Puerto Rico, the three major Virgin Islands, Guam, Samoa, the Trust Territory, the five major Hawaiian Islands, and the three principal New York islands (Manhattan, Staten and Long), the United States has 26,325 islands that are 10 acres or larger in size, with a combined area of 28,643,834 acres. Not counting federal claims to any of the 911,929 island acres of unknown or disputed ownership, Uncle Sam owns 21,210,066 acres or 76.5 percent of the nation's island estate.

Before everyone gets excited, we had better subtract Alaska's figures, leaving us with 20,637 islands and only 7,493,627 island acres (including 875,673 acres in clouded ownerships), of which Uncle Sam owns just 1,033,500 acres or 15.6 percent of the island estate outside Alaska. Federal ownership by island, as opposed to island acreage, is unknown. Most islands have several owners, and even Uncle Sam rarely owns an island lock, stock and tide pool.

While the public island estate has grown somewhat since the report's appearance in 1970, the federal island estate outside Alaska is just a bit larger than Glacier National Park, itself only the seventh largest unit in the National Park System. A sobering perspective.

The federal island survey that produced *Islands of America* was ordered almost a decade ago, with an eye toward improving public access to islands and increasing the recreational development and resource preservation of the nation's island heritage. But that was during the more expansive days of the Great Society. When the report finally appeared, its findings and recommendations ran afoul of the new administration's policy of New Federalism, and was promptly shelved. A few of the report's recommendations have been realized with the establishment of the Cumberland Island and Gulf Islands National Seashores and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, but most have gone begging. As an example, the report recommended that the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia be studied for national seashore or other prospective status, but only Wassaw Island, one of the smallest and wildest of the Sea Islands, has come into the public domain, as a national wildlife refuge donated to the government by The Nature Conservancy. Many of the others have fallen to subdividers or are in peril of imminent development.

The report's major recommendation, that national island trusts be established by joint federal and state action, with local and private participation, at Casco Bay and elsewhere along the Maine coast, the Platte River islands in Nebraska, the San Juan Islands in Washington, and the Elizabeth Islands and Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, has foundered on the rocks and reefs of federal inaction,

Inveterate patroller of the water's edge, the author has discussed beach erosion, the Great Dismal Swamp and salt marshes in earlier issues of SMITHSONIAN.

Photographs by George Silk

Northern Elysium: lichen-covered rock, salt spray and the scent of pine on Maine's Mount Desert Island.

and local resistance born of misunderstanding. On Martha's Vineyard the island trust proposal has become a major political issue, with the island's populace pretty much divided up into two warring camps.

Fortunately, some superb examples of our island heritage have entered the National Park System. Many of our national parks and monuments contain islands, and a few of them—Acadia, Isle Royale, Virgin Islands National Park, Channel Islands and Biscayne—for example—are inherently island preserves. Most of our national seashores and lakeshores are on islands or contain substantial island acreages: Fire Island, Assateague Island, Cape Hatteras, Cape Lookout, Cumberland Island, Gulf Islands, Padre Island, Apostle Islands and Sleeping Bear Dunes. Because islands have played such a key role in our nation's history, quite a few of them are administered as historic sites and monuments by the Park Service: island forts like Sumter and Jefferson and Frederica, Christiansted National Historic Site on St. Croix Island in the Virgins and St. Croix Island National Monument in Maine, Colonial National Historical Park on Jamestown Island, Virginia, and dozens more.

Too many of these park islands are accessible by car, but the National Park Service inherited most of the roads and bridges along with the islands themselves. Until dissuaded by public opinion, the Park Service tried several times to pave a thoroughfare down the roadless center section of Assateague Island National Seashore to connect the bridges at either end. Now it seems the Park Service may be considering, in violation of the natural principle that islands should be accessible only by boat, proposals for transportation across the marshes that separate Cumberland Island National Seashore from the Georgia mainland.

Whereas, in its oftentimes grim determination to pack as many people as possible into the parks, the National Park Service occasionally is given to making mistakes like that, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, mission-oriented toward wildlife and habitat rather than people and pleasuring grounds, likes the remoteness and inaccessibility of islands. If you have a boat and want to land on Wassaw Island National Wildlife Refuge for a day's birdwatching or beachcombing, that's fine with the Fish and Wildlife Service, but they aren't going to help you get there.

Wassaw was donated to the National Wildlife Refuge System in 1969, a few years before Congress authorized Cumberland's inclusion in the National Park System. For all their geological and other similarities, these two Sea Island preserves are more dissimilar than alike, a reflection of the two agencies' disparate missions. While on Cumberland the Park Service is all abustle with land acquisition, facility planning and getting ready for the onslaught of visitors that will begin when the seashore is eventually opened to the public, on Wassaw nothing is happening. Except for a limited archery hunt each fall to control the deer population introduced onto the island by its former owners, the Fish and Wildlife Service is not doing anything in the way of habitat or wildlife management, no earth-moving or timbering or controlled burning or impounding of fresh water. Wassaw Island was given to the refuge system as a wilderness island and a natural wildlife refuge, and so it shall remain.

For the birds and seals

The National Wildlife Refuge System contains quite a number of islands that are for the birds and seals, where people are not allowed at all, places like Pelican Island, Florida (the granddaddy of all the refuges), Oregon Islands and Three Arch Rocks in Oregon, Flattery Rocks and Quillayute Needles in Washington, and the string of islands in the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge. The Farallon Islands out beyond the Golden Gate are so difficult to land on that there is no record of any human visitation to the three northern island groups in the refuge.

The isolation and inaccessibility of islands is valued by some federal agencies for other, quite different reasons. The old War Department valued islands for their relative impregnability to enemy invasion and attack when properly fortified. Air power, long-range artillery, and ballistic missiles have changed the character of warfare, so islands are no longer quite so important to national defense, except for those that place our strategic bombers and warships closer to their tar-

Subtropical blizzard: Royal terns swarm on Pelican Island in Florida, the first of our wildlife refuges.

gets. The Defense Department still uses islands, not only as bases (many a Marine recruit has suffered the rigors and isolation of island life on Parris Island, South Carolina), but also for target practice, an abominable use of islands. San Clemente Island in California's Santa Barbara Islands, Bloodsworth Island in Chesapeake Bay and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, are among the islands used for target practice by aerial and naval bombardment of the armed forces.

Some of the most famous and notorious prisons have been on islands: Elba, Devil's Island, Van Diemen's Land, Norfolk Island, Alcatraz. San Francisco Bay's Alcatraz Island has seen multiple government duty as harbor fortress, as aid to navigation (in 1854 the Pacific coast's first lighthouse was built on the island), and from 1934 to 1963 as federal penitentiary. Now "The Rock" is administered by the National Park Service as a historic part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The federal government still operates one penitentiary on an island: McNeil Island in Puget Sound. Islands originally were favored prison sites because they were more difficult to break out of; but that was before electronic security systems and other penological technologies made prisons pretty tough to bust. Nowadays? According to one spokesman in the Federal Bureau of Prisons property management section, "I'm sure there is *some* deterrent in that cold water, but whether it does make it harder to escape is pretty hard to answer. We have had some break-outs from the island penitentiaries." Island prisons are more expensive to operate than mainland prisons and the current trend in federal penology is away from massive prisons toward smaller institutions, so the days of the island prison are numbered.

Island living is not all basking in the sea breezes and strolling the beaches. It can be lonely and difficult, especially during the long winters or when weather cuts off contact with the outside world. The Coast Guard, and before it the Lighthouse Service, probably had more people stationed on more islands than any other federal agency. Lighthouse-keeping in America began in 1716 on Beacon (now Little Brewster) Island in Boston Harbor. In the 1890s the keeper of Minots Ledge Light in the Atlantic off Massachusetts wrote in his diary, "The trouble with our life here is that we have too much time to think." In 1876, to help relieve monotony and cabin fever, the Lighthouse Service began circulating 40-book portable libraries among its most isolated light stations.

After the Coast Guard took over the operation of the nation's lights in 1939, lighthouse-keeping began changing in character, and now the lights are being automated as quickly as possible and the wickies are disappearing from the American scene.

Emigrants fleeing the squalor of Europe's cities often had to endure an even greater hardship before being admitted to the promised land of America. The quarantine stations along our coasts were ghetto islands of pestilential misery. Two of the islands pressed into grisly quarantine service during the yellow fever epidemics of the 19th century are now doing happier duty as wildlife refuges. Snake Island on Florida's west coast is now part of Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge. Georgia's Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge, which had been acquired by the federal government in 1800 for cutting ships' timbers, still bears a grim reminder of its worst days: a crumbling brick cremation oven.

While not exactly a quarantine station, Plum Island in eastern Long Island Sound is a place dedicated to

Like a vast serpent, Anacapa arches up from the Santa Barbara Channel, a lighthouse perched on its back.

the containment of disease. Here the Department of Agriculture operates its Animal Disease Laboratory where USDA scientists do research on 30-odd animal diseases.

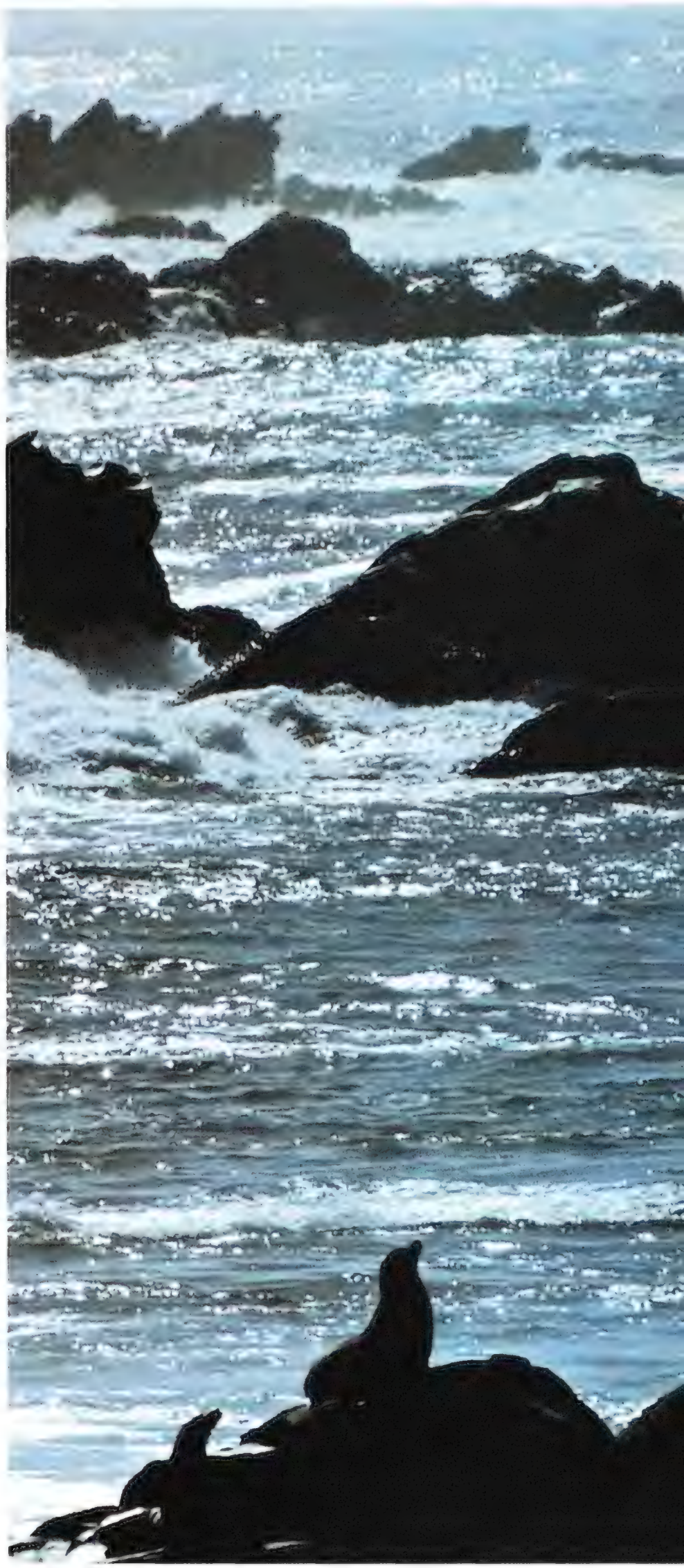
The Plum Island laboratory is a hermetic environment with exhaust air filtered and liquid wastes sterilized before leaving the buildings, and solid wastes incinerated within. For specified periods of time after leaving the island, the 330 lab employees are prohibited from coming into contact with susceptible animal species or their premises.

Federal island holdings frequently pass from one agency to another, and joint tenancy is more the rule than the exception. At Cape Hatteras National Seashore, for example, Hatteras Island is divided between the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Coast Guard, the Navy, town and county governments and private landowners. The Coast Guard is a frequent co-tenant of islands because of its hundreds of lighthouses.

Strange bedfellows

Sometimes joint federal tenancy makes for strange bedfellows. On Merritt Island, Florida, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's John F. Kennedy Space Center shares common boundaries with the Fish and Wildlife Service's Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. It has been a happy, if unlikely, collaboration, with astronauts and alligators, launch pads and loggerheads coexisting in harmony. (There is evidence that the technology has inhibited the flow of saltwater, to the disadvantage of the dusky seaside sparrow, now much reduced in numbers.) In January of this year Canaveral National Seashore was created, incorporating the small section of Merritt Island and most of the barrier beach to seaward, bringing the National Park Service into the picture as well. Add to these the Corps of Engineers, which maintains the Intracoastal Waterway that passes through seashore, refuge and space center, as well as all the private beekeepers and orange growers who operate on the island under lease permits, and you have quite a mixed bag of islanders.

Not all the joint tenancies are happy ones. The underground testing of H-bombs on Amchitka Island could hardly be called a resource-sensitive use of the Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge. The Corps of Engineers' dynamiting of New Drum Inlet through the Core Banks south of Cape Hatteras messed up Cape Lookout National Seashore even before the National Park Service had taken it over. Within Puget Sound's Smith Island National Wildlife Refuge the U.S. Navy somehow has managed to get permission to use Minor Island as a practice bombing range,



In the evening sun, sea lions clamber up the slippery rocks of southern California's San Miguel Island.

"with stipulations for protection of wildlife values"!

The defense agencies don't always wear the black hat, though. Sometimes it is the other way around. Charles Montgomery, of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation's surplus property office, says the bulk of island and other properties converted to recreational use in recent years under the Legacy of Parks program have come from the defense agencies. "And not too reluctantly, either," he adds. For example, part of the federal property on Santa Rosa Island in Gulf Islands National Seashore is on an Air Force base. "But when Defense wants to hang onto a property," Mr. Montgomery says, "there is nothing in the world that can move them." It took years of bitter infighting before the Air Force finally agreed earlier this year to give up Matagorda Island, a bombing range and officers' hunting and fishing camp on the coast of Texas. Now the conflict may be between the Fish and Wildlife Service, which wants to give part of the island to the whooping cranes by adding it to the Aransas Refuge, and the state of Texas, which wants to turn it over to bathers and beachcombers.

Actually, Congress has been a bigger stumbling block than the Pentagon. Sometimes when DOD has expressed its willingness to declare a piece of property surplus, making it available for transfer to Fish and Wildlife or the Park Service or a state agency, the Armed Services Committees have vetoed the transfer.

At least one military island is man-made. Treasure Island, a naval training station in San Francisco Bay, was constructed of fill for the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939. Dredge-maintenance of navigable waterways by the Corps of Engineers has resulted in the creation of numerous dredge-spoil islands, some of which have become rookeries for shore and wading birds. The bird habitat of Tybee National Wildlife Refuge on Oyster Shell Island (sometimes called Horseshoe Shoal), near the mouth of the Savannah River, has grown from the single acre to which the Fish and Wildlife Service holds title to about 100 acres, thanks to Corps dredge-spoil disposal.

Planned creation of artificial islands may someday relieve natural islands of some of the fiercely competitive pressures they now bear for residential, industrial and mass-recreational development. Senator Ernest F. Hollings, chairman of the Senate National Ocean Policy Study and author of the Coastal Zone Management Act, suggests that artificial islands might be constructed at costs comparable to those of acquiring and developing prime coastal land areas and be devoted to a multiplicity of uses: "oil and liquid natural gas ports, refineries, general cargo ports, waste processing and recycling facilities, jetports, siting for bad-neighbor industry generally, high-intensity ocean recreation, fishing ports and fish-processing plants, mariculture, electric power stations, and sand and gravel mining." The draft report of the Long Island Sound Regional Study, released late last year, noted the Sound's virtual inaccessibility to the public and recommended using dredge spoils and construction waste to build artificial recreational islands.

That's the way it is with Uncle Sam and our islands: win a few, lose maybe more. Under the mushrooming pressures of Project Independence, with its emphasis on offshore oil and energy facilities in the coastal zone, losing is going to come even easier in the future. At a time when society is only just beginning to slouch like Yeats' "rough beast" toward land-use planning generally, perhaps it is asking too much for planners and legislators and administrators to recognize that island management is not synonymous with land management, that islands are something more than just pieces of real estate with finite boundaries, that islands are very special places deserving of special care. But that is what is needed. We need to bring back into the public domain more of our islands before they are lost forever to heavy-handed management for purposes that could have been served as well elsewhere, and we need to take better care of them once we have got them for more appropriate uses.

Knowledge is the prerequisite to intelligent action. As Abraham Lincoln once observed, we would have a better idea of where we are going if first we knew where we are. We inventory and catalog all our other natural resources—timber and agricultural lands, fuels and mineral ores, water and wildlife. Our island resources deserve as much.

Coexistence: Ibis fly past rocket gantry to adjacent wildlife refuge on Florida's Merritt Island.

On parade, the CAF displays, from upper left of strip: P-39 Airacobra, P-40 Warhawk, P-38 Lightning; Navy's Dauntless dive bomber, Wildcat and Hellcat fighters, Helldiver, Avenger and PBY Catalina; then giant B-29, two P-47 Thunderbolts, two B-25 Mitchells, B-17 and transport version of B-24.

By Joseph E. Brown

'Confederate Air Force' soars with nostalgia

What started as a Texas-style flier's hobby has matured into a splendid collection of World War II combat planes—all flyable

Hoked-up "Rebel" identification patch recalls lighthearted origin of the now serious CAF.

One blistering midsummer Arizona day in 1959, a Texas crop duster named Lloyd Nolen made a discovery that first angered him, then sent him into a fit of despair. A flight instructor during World War II, he had come to Litchfield Park Naval Air Station, near Avondale, to bid on an F8F Bearcat—a famous Navy fighter plane of World War II—declared surplus and put up for auction. He had been developing an interest in such old-timers since buying a P-40 Warhawk fighter eight years earlier.

"I got the F8F," Nolen recalls, "but what I saw at Litchfield nearly made me cry. Dozens of other World War II aircraft—fighters, bombers, patrol planes, trainers—were being stripped of their instruments and other . . . parts, chopped up by bulldozers, then heaved into a huge smelter to be destroyed forever."

Angrily, Nolen termed what he saw "a disgrace, a waste, and an affront to history." Returning home to Mercedes, Texas, he made a series of telephone calls around the country, only to hear the story repeated: No substantial effort had been made anywhere to save, for historical purposes, a cross section of the approximately 300,000 aircraft turned out by around-the-clock American factories from 1939 to 1945 for combat in the skies over Europe and the Pacific. The Air Force had established a museum on the Wright-Patterson Base at Dayton, Ohio, and begun an intensive search for World War II aircraft. The Navy, in 1964, set aside some of its World War II planes as museum pieces at Pensacola, Florida. The Smithsonian Institution had acquired others to restore for display in its new Air and Space Museum, scheduled to open in 1976 in Washington, D.C.

But aside from these efforts, most World War II-era airplanes were facing extinction.

The end result of Nolen's anger and subsequent activities today sprawls across a sweeping ramp beside the airport runway in Harlingen, Texas. There, fully restored and called the Confederate Air Force, wearing combat paint and all in flying condition, are lined up no less than 60 aircraft of World War II. On that apron is at least one example of all the major American aircraft that saw combat during the war: a representative cross section of the last and most sophisticated generation of propeller-driven aircraft before the dawning of the Jet Age.

They are the classic Boeing B-17 Flying Fortresses, the twin-fuselage P-38 Lockheed Lightnings, the rear-engined P-39 Airacobras, the aircraft carrier-borne Grumman F6F Hellcats. One of the most popular planes on display is the North American P-51 Mustang, the fastest (437 mph) American fighter built in World War II, which escorted Allied bombers over eastern Germany in the later days of the war. Allied and enemy nations have not been neglected; the roster

Squadron art, applied to nose sections of combat aircraft along with mission symbols, formed

includes a British Spitfire and a De Havilland all-wood Mosquito light bomber, four German Messerschmitts, and four replicas of Japanese Zeros. They make up what is perhaps the most unusual aviation organization in the world: the so-called Ghost Squadron of the Confederate Air Force.

The underlying motives of the CAF are far more serious than its name would imply. "We called ourselves 'rebels' in the beginning because we were rebelling against the destruction of aircraft that should have been preserved," Nolen explains. "We started the CAF tongue-in-cheek, a sort of hobby, never dreaming it would eventually grow into a group with more than 1,000 members, a budget of more than $200,000 a year, with support that has been coming from every corner of the country."

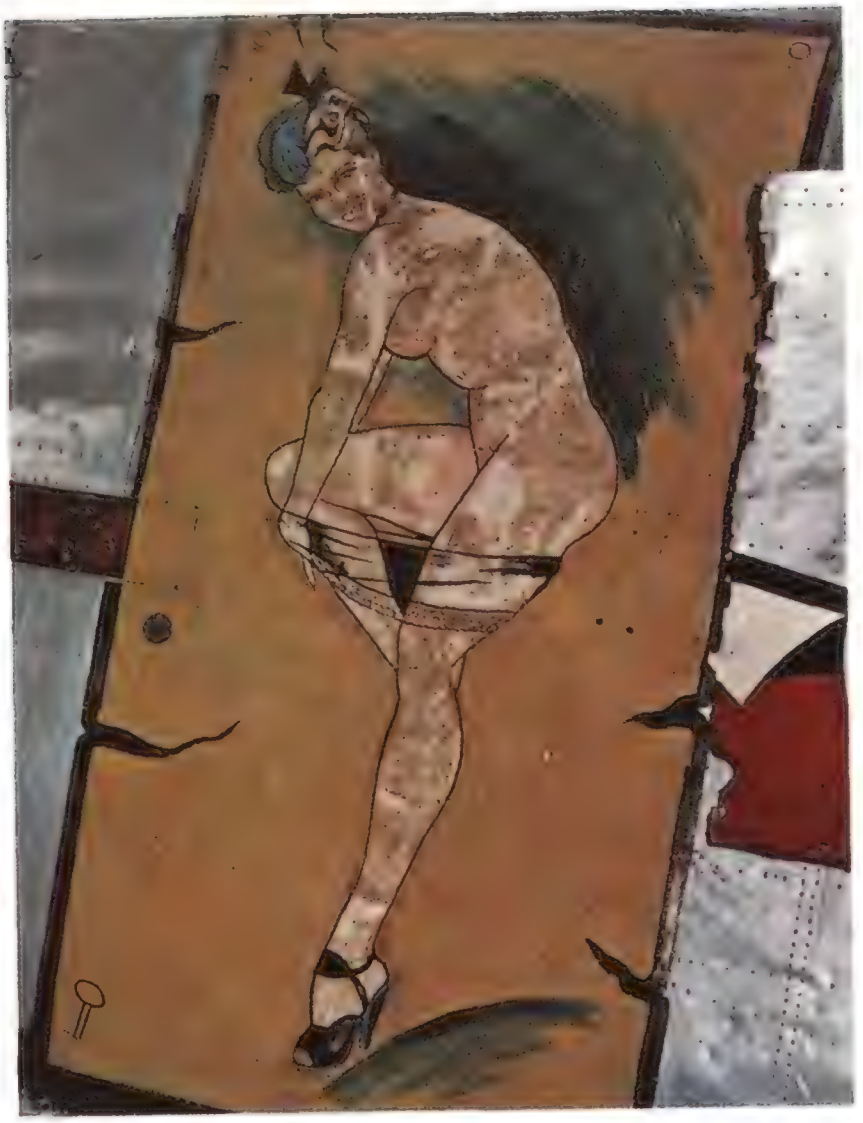
Compared to today's generation of sleek, swift, whisper-smooth jets, the 1939-45 warbirds were, admittedly, among the noisiest, most waspish, nerve-fraying machines ever to roll off an assembly line.

Even when idling, for instance, the backfiring snort of the B-25's twin 1,700-horsepower engines suggests imminent Armageddon, and the flaming belch from its exhaust manifolds seems calculated to singe the fur of a jackrabbit 50 yards away or, failing that, to overcome the poor animal by smoke inhalation. Frank Tallman, the movie stunt flier who assembled an entire squadron of B-25s for *Catch-22*, notes wryly that the aircraft's design "is more in keeping with Zazu Pitts than Rita Hayworth, and the 'greenhouse' in the nose may well have been designed by the same man who laid out the aviary at a zoo."

The B-25's close cousin, the Martin B-26 Marauder, was nicknamed "The Widowmaker," a backhanded

Mr. Brown discussed earthquakes in our December 1973 issue; he is former editor of Oceans.

the soft-core pornography of those long-gone days. The CAF offers a generous selection to buffs.



Crew chiefs often had their names on their planes, but some pilots considered this "asking for it."

tribute to its temperamental handling characteristics. The B-17, despite its glowing press clippings, was a sitting duck for frontal attacks until its armament was modified; it burned easily, and "had enough systems troubles to give the plumber's guild a nightmare," says Tallman. And as unsettling to the pilots who flew it was the vaunted P-39 Airacobra; more irritating than the inconvenience of the drive shaft leading between the pilot's legs from the uniquely mounted rear engine was the constant specter of being crushed to death should a crash landing occur.

Despite their cantankerous and sometimes frightening nature, however, World War II aircraft continue to fascinate fliers and nonfliers alike.

"No pilot," says Tallman once again, "can help being very excited by the performance characteristics of World War II airplanes. Their rate of climb, their ability to do aerobatics in tight situations, their responses—it's quite a different world from that of either the slower aircraft of World War I or the high performance jets of today. They didn't have the glamor of World War I planes, but they were a damned exciting generation of aircraft."

Last year, more than 3,000,000 Americans attended CAF air shows around the country; an estimated 25,000 showed up in Harlingen for the 11th annual homecoming show alone. From its original membership of less than a dozen, the CAF has expanded to about 1,000, including two U.S. Senators, four astronauts, assorted businessmen and, as might be expected, a wide variety of pilots.

After Nolen acquired his P-40 in 1951, and watched as the Litchfield Park smelters consumed their prey, the underlying motive for CAF suddenly hit him: If possible, why not acquire as many different types of World War II fighters and interceptors as funds would permit, restore them to flying condition, and put them

A flight of three T-34s—postwar trainers—used by the CAF for exhibitions follows

a red Decathlon, a type designed for aerobatics, which proves capabilities by flying inverted.

Confederate Air Force founder Lloyd Nolen stands underneath the spinner of a P-51—the famed Mustang.

all under one hangar roof somewhere in Texas?

"Like many pilots and aviation buffs, fighters appealed most to me," he explains. "And the fighters of World War II were classics in every way. That's all we had in mind in the beginning—fighters of every description." He and two partners immediately began to dream of owning a Lockheed P-38 Lightning, considered one of the fastest of the World War II fighters, if of limited maneuverability.

"But as we checked around the country, we discovered that out of the more than 9,000 P-38s built, less than a dozen survived."

Nolen finally found a restorable P-38, next added an F4U Corsair, the single-engined Navy fighter that first saw service with the Marines on Guadalcanal in 1943 and was still active ten years later in Korea—the longest life of any American fighter. "The Corsair was typical of the aircraft the CAF was acquiring, in terms of both its unique history and the way we acquired it. During the Korean War, a Corsair—that's a propeller-driven aircraft, remember—was credited with shooting down a MiG-15 jet; during World War II, a Navy pilot named Klingman, discovering his guns jammed, destroyed a Japanese photo plane by moving in close and sawing off its elevators with his own prop! Like most of our other planes, though, the Corsair had become an endangered species by the mid-Fifties, and we had to search long and hard before finding a suitable one, deserted on a small airstrip in Arizona."

Even scarcer was the P-47 Thunderbolt, at 13,000 pounds the heaviest single-engined fighter ever built in the United States. During World War II, almost 16,000 Thunderbolts came off the production lines, flew more than a half-million combat sorties, dropped 132,000 tons of bombs. The P-47 also added considerably to aviation technology; in 1943, Colonel Cass Hough approached Mach 1, speed of sound at sea

level, in a dive over Bovington, England. But by the late 1950s, not a single "Jug," as they were nicknamed, could be located in the United States.

A puzzled Nolen was soon to learn the reason: All P-47s that had survived the scrap pile had been sold in Latin America. "A couple of us flew down there," Nolen remembers. "I guess they thought we were crazy, asking to buy back a bunch of planes that by the book were years obsolete. But we were convincing arm-twisters; we came back from Guatemala with one P-47 and one member bought six others in Peru."

One day in the mid-1960s, a stranger approached Nolen at Mercedes. You can imagine how stunned we were when this guy asks, "You fellows interested in buying a bomber?"

The first bomber—a twin-engined B-25 Mitchell—became the nucleus of what today is an entire wing of the CAF; it includes a B-17 Flying Fortress, a B-24 Liberator, three B-25s, a B-26 Marauder, an A-20 Havoc, an A-26 Invader and the largest, longest-ranged propeller-driven bomber built in World War II, the B-29 Superfortress.

Restoring the B-29 cost more than $50,000, indicative of the kind of high finance that is constantly required to keep the CAF's fleet of aircraft alive. Member "colonels" pay dues of $100 each per year. Individuals "sponsor" many of the airplanes, splitting the tab for acquisition, restoration and maintenance. The CAF covers the rest from voluntary donations. Its highly popular annual Harlingen air show and its small but historically accurate flight museum at Rebel Field show no profit for the organization.

"The way the 'volunteer money' comes in sometimes surprises even me," notes Lloyd Nolen. "None of us 'colonels' are wealthy, we're all working people with businesses to run. But whenever we put out a plea for money, we hope there's somebody out there who hears us."

Thunderbolt and CAF-marked Lightning form up on wing of Navy Dauntless with perforated dive brake. The traditional red spot in star was erased early in war to avoid confusion with Japanese "meatball."

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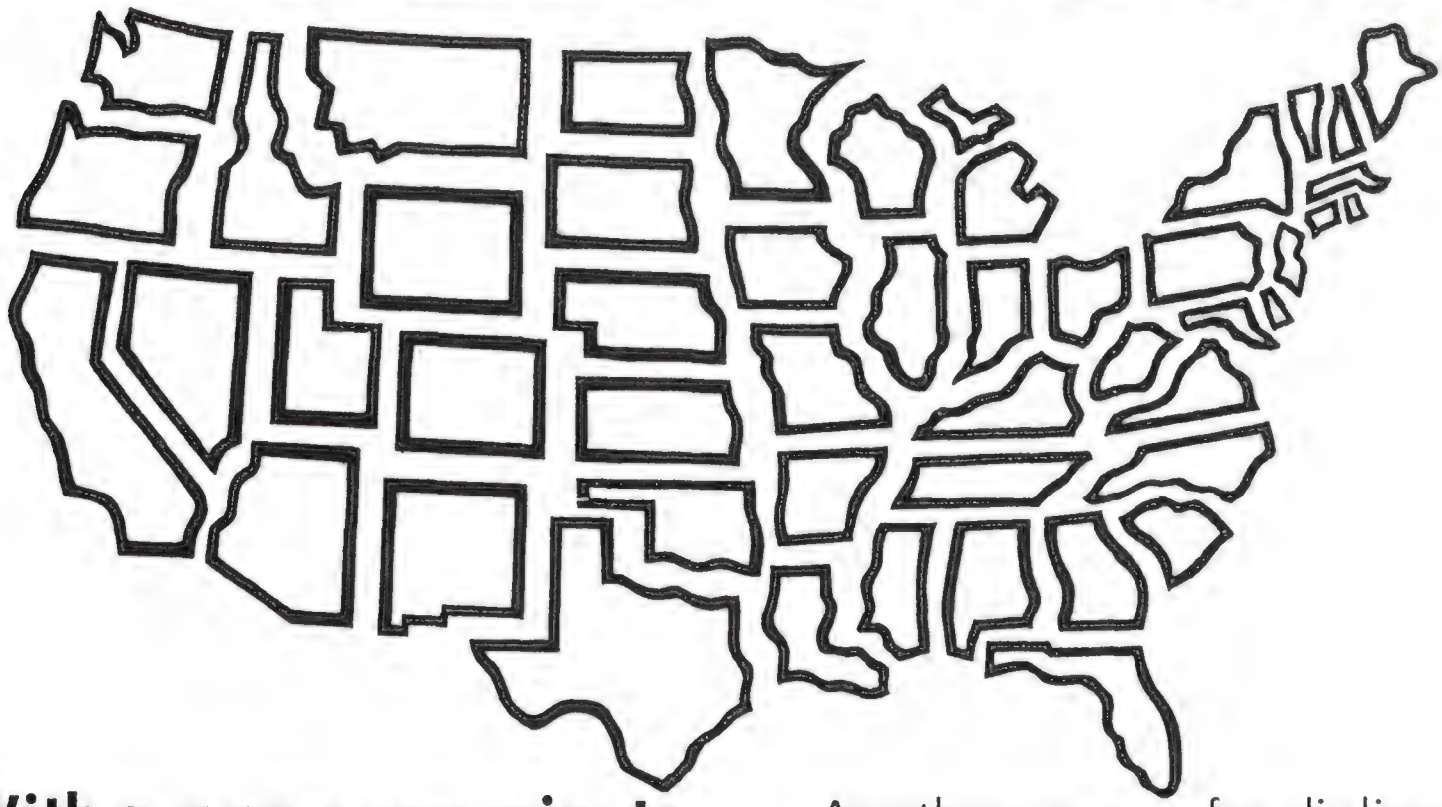

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By Clarissa K. Wittenberg

An intimate record of how it was in yesterday's Harlem

Starting out at 14, in 1900, James Van DerZee painstakingly constructed a gallery of middle-class blacks who made their own society

The Van DerZee men, Lenox, Massachusetts, 1908, a time when there were few black families in the town. Proud father John is flanked by James, on his far right, and by two younger sons, Walter and Charles.

For almost three-quarters of a century—he is now 89—James Van DerZee has with rare artistry compiled a sweeping photographic survey of a way of life among black people of Eastern America, and particularly Harlem, that is unique and irreplaceable. It is both a historical record of archival value and an achievement of disciplined and feeling art. Van DerZee is only now beginning to be recognized as one of the notable photographers of middle-class people of the country.

Regenia A. Perry, Associate Professor of African and Afro-American Art at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, in the introduction to a portfolio of Van DerZee's photographs (published by Graphics International Ltd., Washington, D.C.) from which this article is largely illustrated, says:

"The message of Van DerZee's photography is a universal one. To the black viewer he provides revealing glimpses of the people and activities in America's most unique black community, which are bound to instill an element of pride and self-respect. To the nonblack viewer Van DerZee's photographs represent Afro-Americans from a dignified, graceful, and impressive point of view which should dispel existing misconceptions. Above all, Van DerZee is a photographer of people and his works are both raceless and timeless." Says Dr. Perry, "Van DerZee's photographs are labors of love both for the profession and for his people."

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Although he photographed the people of rural Virginia around the turn of the century, and of Lenox, Massachusetts, where he was born, his photographs of Harlem—an unparalleled historical and social record—draw the most attention. Harlem is unique. To describe it as a section of Manhattan about five miles square in size, with almost a half-million black residents, is to miss its essence. Harlem is the most significant black community in the United States. It is a cultural capital. There is a myth of Harlem that is greater than Harlem itself.

Van DerZee has been uncommonly able to capture both the people who helped to shape the myth and the ordinary citizens who made up the underlying community. His photographs are unusual, but in many cases his subjects were not. All across the country, wherever black families live, subjects such as his may be found in family scrapbooks. Tuskegee Institute year-

Wedding day, Harlem, 1926. The superimposed image of the little girl in the foreground is an example of Van DerZee's interest in technique and experiments in multiple-image photography.

books show many women as lovely as his, many young men as dignified and proud. His work, however, has the considerable added dimension of his creative ability and his high standards. Van DerZee's professional attitude, his careful preservation of his work, the dating and signing of each glass plate and negative, have contributed to the development of a valuable historic record of the heart of a society within a society.

Van DerZee was born in 1886 in Lenox, Massachusetts. His father had become the sexton of the wealthy Trinity Church and his parents had moved there from New York where they had served as butler and maid to General Ulysses S. Grant.

James was 14 when he saw an advertisement that would change his life. A camera was offered as a premium to anyone who could sell 20 packets of perfume. His mother and his aunts bought the sachets and he waited expectantly for the camera. Finally several packages arrived containing a camera, glass plates, clearing solution and developer. Two cardboard boxes covered with wax were to serve as trays. Van DerZee learned the directions by heart, but was never able to obtain a picture. Later he bought a better camera and his career began.

In 1906 he moved to New York and soon noted that

In 1925, Van DerZee brought his equipment out and combined in this panorama two of

During a family visit to Lenox, in 1909, Van DerZee composed this portrait of his wife and child.

An affluent side of the Harlem of 1938 is shown in this study of an elaborately furnished apartment.

his major interests, his love of children and of community life in the special place called Harlem.

unless the newspaper said "elevator work," "porter" or "waiter," men of his color would not be hired. He played piano and violin with Fletcher Henderson's band. The income was unreliable and he found a job at $5 a week as an assistant in a department store photographic concession. He left in 1916 to open his own studio on 135th Street in Harlem.

Although he took pictures for hack licenses, school graduations, weddings, funerals, lodges and clubs, he gave each commission serious attention. He spent hours on many sittings and his pictures of groups and individuals reflect this care. Everyone came to him, scholars who needed portraits for their books, entertainers, politicians and sports figures. The churches of Harlem were valuable customers. He was often

Van DerZee was a familiar figure in the busy streets of Harlem, lugging his cumbersome equipment on assignment or in search of outstanding subjects. Here, he caught classic expression of the Jazz Age.

Daddy Grace, one of Harlem's charismatic religious leaders, posed frequently for the Van DerZee lens.

In Harlem, in 1915, Van DerZee made this portrait of his cousin, Suzie Porter, dressed for the opera.

Lenox, Massachusetts, 1905—a quiet town in a gentle time; a lady sits for a matriarchal portrait.

A Garveyite family, Harlem, 1924. Marcus Garvey led a movement calling for return of blacks to Africa.

"Harlem Renaissance" of Twenties and Thirties was mainly literary, but it was also a time for vibrant theater, musicals, nightclubs, as exemplified by this lovely dancer, on left, and the actor, above.

called to take pictures of their mortgage burnings, their dedications and their ministers, charismatic figures such as Daddy Grace and Father Divine.

Van DerZee took his camera and his plates out into the streets and shot pictures of children at play, of boys racing for a water wagon on a searing hot day. He went to barber shops and ladies' hair salons at teatime.

Van DerZee's portraits of women are particularly beautiful. "Women . . . women . . . what can I say . . . a lot of beauty." They posed in their best dresses (often straight from Paris), their hair arranged, their eyes glowing. One beauty came before a costume party gowned entirely in crepe paper. Although some were posed in the studio, many were photographed in their own homes, giving us an unusual glimpse of their lives.

Fame came late to Van DerZee and he accepts it with some amazement and good grace. He never made much money, he took too many pictures for the joy of it, gave too many away. He was working almost in isolation, doing mail-order restoration of old photographs, when Reginald McGhee, then doing research for *Harlem on My Mind,* an exhibit at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1969, walked down Lenox Avenue and saw his window filled with old photographs.

Soon afterward, McGhee and Charles Inniss obtained a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts and founded the James Van DerZee Institute Inc. to promote Van DerZee's work, as well as that of other black photographers.

Van DerZee has lived his life with the people whom he photographed, grieved over their funerals, and celebrated their weddings. His record of Harlem is extraordinary, all of his work important in documenting a vital part of America's history.

"It's a hard job," he says philosophically, "to get the camera to see it like you see it. Sometimes you have it just the way you want it, and then you look in the camera and you don't have the balance. The main thing is to get the camera to see it the way you see it."

Although he made "calendar" pictures to order, this 1923 study was an exercise in pure composition.

Around the Mall and beyond

Here we are in Melbourne, nearly 11,000 miles from the Mall, and Bliss Schumann has only blown her whistle twice. Bliss is administrator of the Smithsonian foreign study tours. It is a job that demands a broad range of human characteristics: regal charm, aggression, gentleness and brass—a mixture of kindergarten teacher and Marine Corps drill instructor.

Bliss, an imposing lady with a perpetual tan, fills the bill. "Hurry up, Margaret," she is apt to say. "Not that bus, Blanche. . . . Do you really want to stop for a picture now, Mary? . . . Damn it, there goes Arthur again."

And finally, as a last resort, a blast on the whistle she wears around her neck.

Thus Bliss Schumann has shepherded her flock of 28 concerned and interested sightseers from the Air New Zealand desk at Los Angeles International Airport to Papeete, to Auckland, to Sydney, to Canberra, and now here. They have rested in the best hotels in town. They have downed the choicest meals available. And they have had their curiosity about strange places at least partly satisfied.

They circled Tahiti by bus, noting where the black beaches occur, and why. They watched Polynesian dancers and understood why the crew of HMS *Bounty* were ripe for mutiny after seeing the same thing. They felt the emotional impact of a concert at Sydney's soaring opera house, toured the harbor by boat, ate barbecued steaks and sipped red wine on an island, probed the workings of the Australian Parliament, saw a very large flock of sheep rounded up by four dogs and watched one sheared—with an extra lesson about how the wool is classified. They have visited gardens and sanctuaries, discovered how a eucalyptus may survive a brush fire, watched a lyrebird display for his mate and seen a platypus dabble for food on the bottom of a pool.

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"No sweat," says Bliss, whose voice resembles that of TV's Maude. "This is a good group. You ought to see some of the difficult ones." And she twirls her whistle, absentmindedly.

Most of the Smithsonian foreign study tours (see p. 105) are organized in an office in the Castle where the concept is suggested, debated, approved and produced. Bliss makes use of the best local tourist facilities in each area her charges visit. This means that there are always local guides to flesh out the bare bones that the tour's lecturer—a special appointment for each trip—provides.

Once the group is recruited, with vacancies filled and bookings made, Bliss begins fussing about baggage tags (all bright yellow with the Smithsonian sunburst in blue) and lists of what to bring (cold remedies, extra prescription glasses, tissues, suntan lotion).

Bliss Schumann, center, in Tunis.

Bliss Schumann has been doing this sort of thing for years, for she was a travel agent long before she signed up on the Institution's staff. She gave up her own two-year-old agency and joined the Smithsonian in 1971, three years after the foreign study tour program was conceived by Dr. Richard Howland. She obviously loves her job and, as far as this close observer is concerned, she is better at it than anyone else. She arranges about nine Smithsonian tours a year, and is scheduled to lead an extraordinary five herself in 1975. She has been everywhere except Indonesia and India. These she wants to see. Some of the tours are ocean-going cruises, and they are perhaps the best of all, once the lines are cast away. She has a firm appreciation of Smithsonian tourgoers: "They come to learn, not just to see," she says.

But they are a freewheeling bunch of students not easily organized. Bliss admits that her best moment comes after the day's excursion is done and she is

Copenhagen... "Den er skøn."
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tucked into a quiet corner of the hotel bar, happy in the knowledge that no one was left in the lyrebird enclosure and that, judging from past performance, it's at least a six-to-five shot that they'll all make tomorrow's bus on time.

At a far different plateau of leadership are the Smithsonian docents. That's a fine old museumy name for volunteer guides—usually women—who lead visitors of all ages through the exhibits, pointing out which capsule in the Air and Space Museum contained the first space walker, encouraging them to run their hands over the piece of elephant hide in the Museum of Natural History.

A docent at work

Each Smithsonian museum has an education department responsible for training docents. When a trainee has learned everything and still has enough eagerness left to trot over to the Smithsonian on a Saturday morning instead of going to a summer sale at Lord & Taylor, *then* she gets her docent tour badge bearing the museum's chosen insignia. Like a pilot getting his wings.

What, you may well ask, No *men* docents? True, I answer, until the recent sex revolution. For years, docenting was the province of dames. Then about the time that Yale and Princeton took in girl freshmen (freshwomen?), our museums increased their male docent enrollment. About six percent of them over at Nat-

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ural History are men, including a retired geologist, a biologist, a lawyer and a man from the National Science Foundation. There are some husband-wife teams. And at Air and Space, almost a third of the docents are men.

When it comes to touching things, it appears that the Hirshhorn has an infallible tactile appeal. Director Abram Lerner says his young visitors simply cannot keep their hands off some of the exhibits—and he thinks he knows why.

"A lot of the objects that are portrayed in this collection have an innate familiarity," he says. "The kids feel at home with the objects, so they touch the portrayals."

Lerner is pleased by this sort of acceptance of this new art museum and has come to expect a pleasant informality on the part of his visitors.

"Not long ago I came upon a woman changing her baby's diaper in the middle of the gallery," he says. "Wasn't a bit surprised."

There's one exhibit that hardly anyone gets to touch—the Hope diamond. One of the few times that it has left its display vault in the Museum of Natural History was last January, when the Smithsonian TV special on the diamond was being filmed. The scenario called for Smithsonian Secretary S. Dillon Ripley to hold the Hope Diamond and say a few words about it. Curator Paul Desautels, the only person who ordinarily gets to handle the gem, showed up at Secretary Ripley's laboratory early on a Sunday morning for the film sequence. Cameras stood ready, lighting technicians were poised, Ripley was in position, ready for the shooting as Desautels arrived.

"Have you got it?" asked someone, a bit nervously.

Desautels reached in a pocket, paused a bit thoughtfully, tried another pocket, then with mounting panic began fumbling through all his pockets. The cameramen turned and stared, aghast.

"It must be here somewhere," muttered Desautels. "I think I had it just a few minutes ago."

And finally, just this side of general heart failure, he fished it out of an inside pocket—all multimillion dollars' worth of it—and plunked it in Ripley's hand with an innocent smile.

The Hope diamond

The Hope diamond wows most visitors, but Janet Solinger, Director of the Smithsonian Resident Associates, says that a contest among amateur photographers suggests a different tale. Her people sponsor this for resident members of the Smithsonian Associates, with stipulations that the photographic entries must be Smithsonian-related. And almost invariably, says Janet, the favorite photographic subject for the younger entrants in the competition is the popcorn wagon that parks all summer long outside the Smithsonian Castle.

Young people have the knack for assessing values with total assurance. And like many adults, they fail to realize that there are hundreds of workaday types, sweating out their 40 hours a week right here among the exhibits. The other day, two 13-year-olds came wandering uncertainly past me, lost among the cubicles of the office areas in the Arts and Industries Building.

"Can I help?" asked a shirtsleeved administrative assistant who happened to pop out of an office.

With an uncomplicated understanding of just what is important around here and what is not, the girls stated their problem.

"We're trying to find our way back to the Smithsonian," one explained, sensibly.

"Right down that corridor and turn left," responded the office worker, with never so much as an "er."

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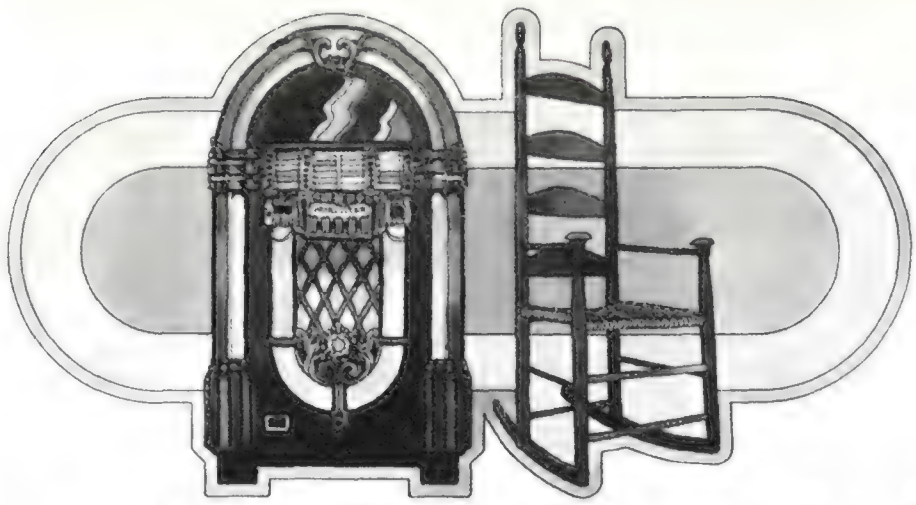
Further details appear in June events at the Smithsonian (p. 109).



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These United States
Hugh Sidey
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(EPM Publications, $29.95)

There is more that is right than wrong, more beauty than ugliness, more untouched than destroyed. That basically is the theme in pictures and words of this book, the latest contribution to the growing number of Bicentennial publications, a book that looks determinedly on the bright side.

All the states are portrayed in the 160 full pages of color photographs by Fred Maroon, which capture the beauty and incredible variety of the physical and human landscape. The text, by *Time*'s Washington bureau chief, is a reflection of what he feels about his country and his nostalgia for the simple and good America of his small-town boyhood days.

In an era of doubts and brooding national introspection, *These United States* is an upbeat reminder of the great good fortune of this nation. This, however, is not a warts-and-all portrait of America.

As Mr. Sidey gazes reflectively from his airliner he ponders the choice for America—either to "begin to heal our land" or of "consuming ourselves into oblivion." What must be done, he says, is "to take another look at the principles of human conduct on which we founded this nation," which he does by recalling his childhood in Greenfield, Iowa.

In Greenfield, "there was always an undertow of obligation, part of the cement of society that is in such short supply now." There was no excuse those days for not pulling your weight on the football field or in the church choir, and if a marching band needed a trombone player, "trombone players were somehow to be found." One wonders if that was still the case after the television age came to his hometown.

His text is laced with historical references to the 50 states and quotes from famous Americans—Watergate is still clearly much on his mind, but his occasional swipes at "Richard Nixon and his men" who "founded their power on suspicion and hate" strike a somewhat discordant note in this picture-book text.

A porch in Woodstock, Vermont

Mr. Maroon's photographs emphasize the precious and natural heritage which is America, and an atmospheric quality infuses many of them. It is in the "misty early light" that Maroon calls the "time of poetry" which bathes the horses rounded up at daybreak. Sometimes figures are enveloped so much by the dissolving light that they become one with the landscape; even when looking at a downtown black street in Holly Springs, Mississippi, it is hard to believe that a scene of dejection and poverty is being portrayed. A striking picture of polo players in Texas, in front of refinery towers, is another example of the strong unifying element of light in Maroon's work.

The local, unworldly scenes are a pervading element in Maroon's depiction of America. Mountain people from Arkansas play the fiddle in the kitchen while

a girl dances in the dingy light. The "cattle auction" in Nebraska gives both a feeling of the vastness of the land and of the tough rural life that still goes on far from the city.

The grandeur of the landscapes and seascapes should encourage many Americans and visitors from overseas to celebrate next year by seeing for themselves the unspoiled natural beauty that these United States still have to offer in such diversity and abundance.

—Richard Beeston
Washington correspondent,
The Daily Telegraph, London

Edmund Randolph, A Biography
John J. Reardon
(Macmillan, $11.95)

Picture the scene. The Secretary of State arrives for his mysteriously delayed appointment with the President. Entering, he is surprised to see the Secretaries of Treasury and War. His uneasiness increases when the President hands him a paper. The document, an intercepted dispatch from a foreign diplomat to his government, strongly implies that the Secretary of State had solicited money in return for advocating policies which would favor the foreign government.

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Randolph was one of the group of men apparently born to lead. After independence, he managed to combine a lucrative law practice, which included Washington as a nonpaying client, with a political career which saw him successively as Virginia's first Attorney General, a member of Congress and Governor of Virginia.

Randolph, impelled by awareness of the precarious quality of the new nation under the Articles of Confederation, was a moving spirit in bringing about the Constitutional Convention—not the least of his accomplishments being to coax a reluctant Washington out of retirement to head the Virginia delegation. At the Convention, Randolph's opening speech laid out Madison's plan for a federal system, which evolved into the Constitution. (By then Randolph had had to choose between law and politics. His rationale

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for dropping law—"a profession which from the earliest moment of my life I abominated and from which I was determined to escape"—may illuminate the surfeit of ex-lawyers in political life.)

After Washington's inauguration, he appointed Randolph Attorney General, a post with vaguely defined duties which took shape in the conflicts of the young Republic. Hamilton's proposals for a national bank had helped speed a polarization which set Federalists and Republicans, pro-English and pro-French factions, advocates of broad federal powers and of limited federal powers, into hostile camps.

It was this polarization, dramatized by the bitter rivalry between Hamilton and Jefferson, that forged Randolph's role in the cabinet. His talent for putting together a middle position was a boon to Washington, uncomfortable in the battling between his two brilliant Secretaries. Randolph became Washington's indispensable political adviser.

When Jefferson resigned, Washington, with some qualms, appointed Randolph Secretary of State. Thirteen months after Jefferson, Hamilton resigned. And with these two tempestuous apostles of different creeds gone, Randolph had outlived his usefulness to Washington.

With luck, Edmund Randolph would have faded away. Instead, he stood that day in August 1795 before Washington and read the captured dispatch of former French Minister Jean Fauchet. Washington wanted answers. Randolph, outraged at being confronted in the presence of others, resigned.

In an attempt to clear his name, Randolph obtained and published additional dispatches which put into somewhat different perspective Fauchet's references to him. But if the new material lessened the suspicion that Randolph had acted for personal gain, it cast into greater doubt the propriety of his conduct: His conversations with Fauchet emerged as highly indiscreet, portraying Washington as something of a well-meaning ninny misguided by evil advisers.

His much pre-publicized "vindication" a flop, an embittered Randolph returned to Virginia and the law. But, still, oblivion eluded him. It was then the practice to hold cabinet officers personally liable for funds appropriated to their depart-

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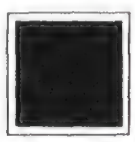

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Edmund Randolph, statesman

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—*Leonard Reed*
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The Vegetable Passion: A History of the Vegetarian State of Mind
Janet Barkas
(Charles Scribner's Sons, $8.95)

During one meat-eating departure from his lifelong vegetarianism, Gandhi suffered a nightmare: "Every time I dropped off to sleep, it would seem as though a live goat were bleating inside me, and I would jump up full of remorse."

George Bernard Shaw, on the other hand, refused fish, flesh and fowl for nutritional reasons. He offered a typical display of his wit in an interview about his diet in 1924:
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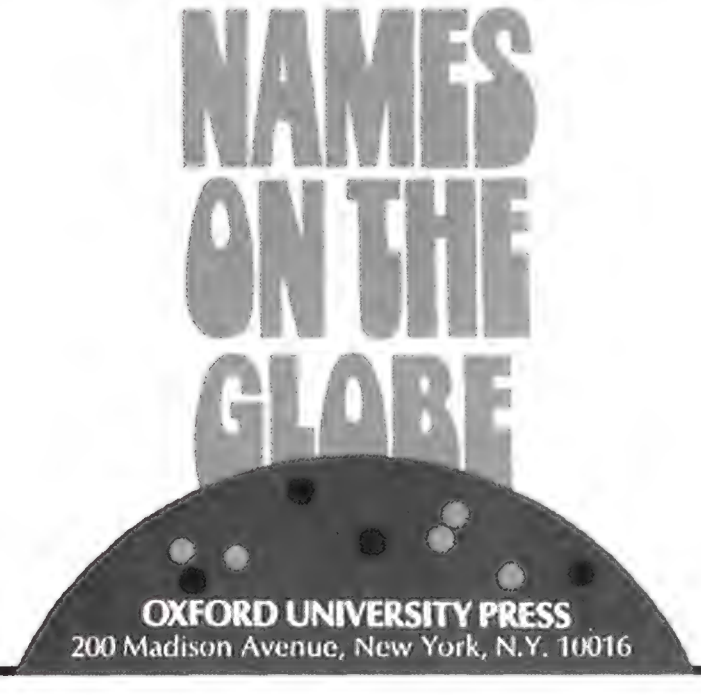

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Moral grounds, the author points out, are today only one of many reasons for refusing to eat meat. The most compelling chapter of this book, "Nutritional Controversies," deals with the current world food situation (SMITHSONIAN, January 1975) and the nutritional and economic rationale for a vegetarian diet. As we speed toward the "limits to growth" posed by population expansion and resource depletion, world food production will have to become more efficient. Worldwide estimates show that great numbers of the people being born today are already dying from malnutrition. The red-blooded American fetish of deriving all our protein from animal sources begins to look as extravagant as the eight-miles-per-gallon gas guzzler. The conventional conviction which relies on meat and animal products as the chief source of protein in the American diet is challenged.

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The book suffers in places from clumsy, confusing language, but the overall effort is entertaining and informative. Whether we're driven from eating meat by our conscience or by the cash register if it be-

comes more and more of a luxury, we would all do well to understand that vegetables can be a complete diet. The book provides a link between age-old dietary beliefs and the news of the future which is already changing our diets.
—Michael Prewitt
Free-lance writer and designer

Techniques of Industrial Archaeology
J.P.M. Pannel. Edited by J. Kenneth Major.
(David & Charles, $9.95)

• A few years ago, a Scandinavian professor was presenting a paper on timber engineering to a conference in the south of England. He had uncovered some startling facts about the possibilities of laminated timber arches in roof construction. To his embarrassment, he soon discovered that the very town where he spoke had a building with the exact wood-laminated arch he had proposed. Except that it had been built in 1866.

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These two incidents are part of the small but growing history of a new discipline called Industrial Archaeology, the study of the antecedents to today's processes, equipment and manufacturing customs. Continual industrial obsolescence has forced many changes upon the world, and in many fields; transportation, construction, energy sources, materials, and even the recreation industries—calliopes, seaside resort design and bathing machines. It is a constant process. Vacuum-tube technology and the machines of yesterday's moon shot are in the same danger of sinking without a ripple in the waves of history as are tide mills, canals and cast-iron building facades.

Today, however, there is an impulse to rediscover the simpler arts of the past. Inflation, the energy crisis, and the national mood have brought this about. Even if this mood does not extend to William Blake's "dark Satanic mills," it does concern itself with village crafts, the rural arts, and the structure of communal

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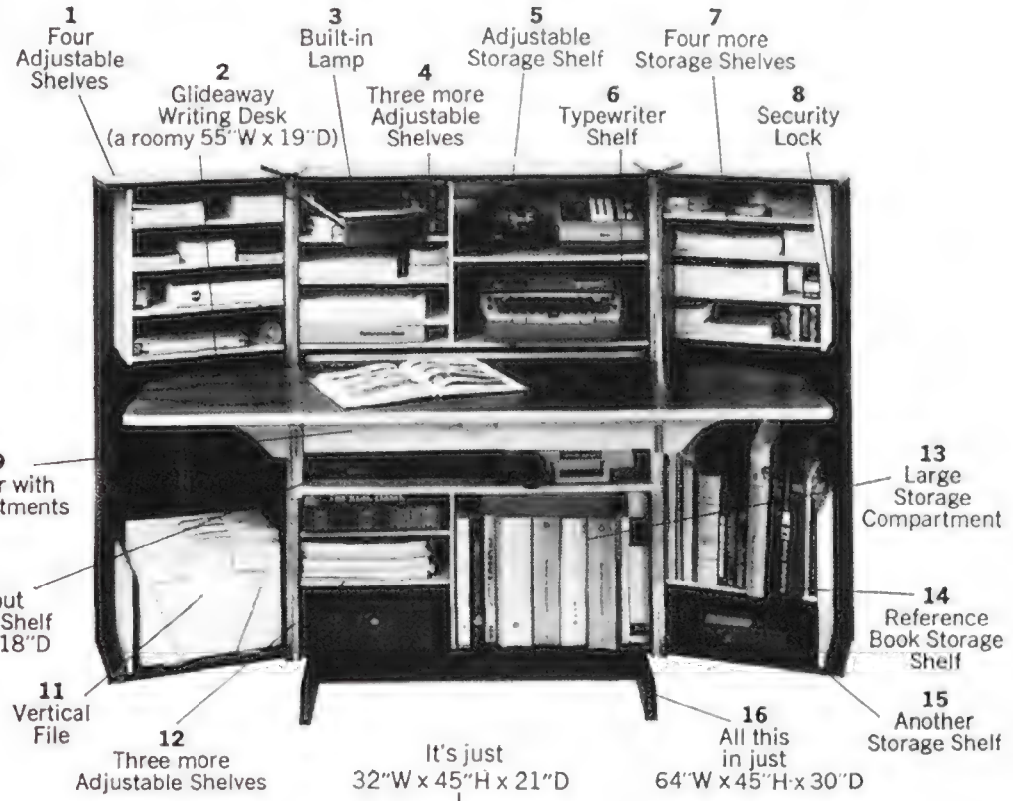
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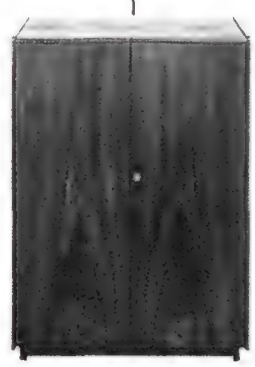

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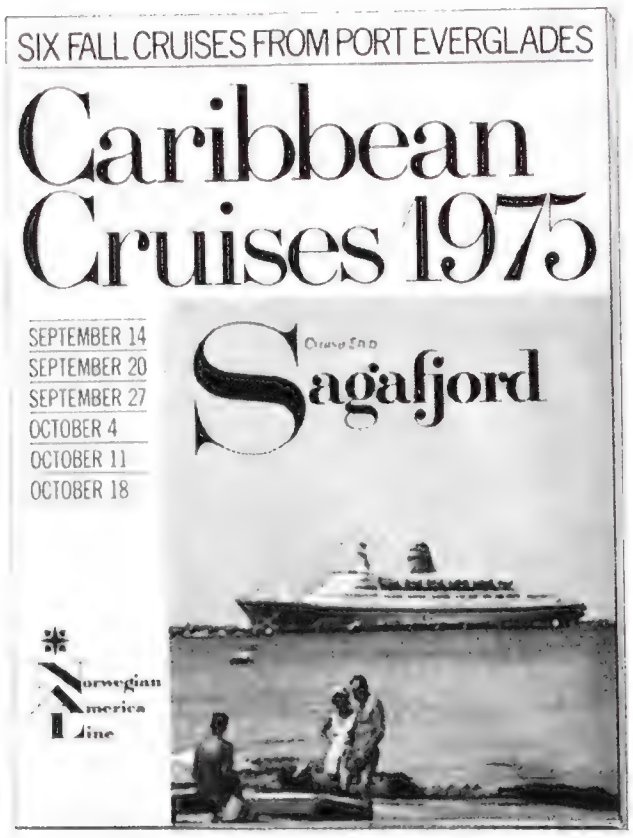

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What is to be learned from all this? In just the past few years a number of recovery societies have appeared, most of which are dedicated to only one portion of Industrial Archaeology. The American Canal Society is one. The Delaware and Raritan Canal Coalition is another; after a great deal of pressure it has saved from destruction, and has been instrumental in restoring, a canal that slices its way across New Jersey from Trenton on the Delaware River to New Brunswick on the Raritan. On it, as late as the 1920s, alumni could spend their Saturdays yachting from New York or Philadelphia to Princeton football games. What is now a long, thin state park and a delight, was very nearly lost.

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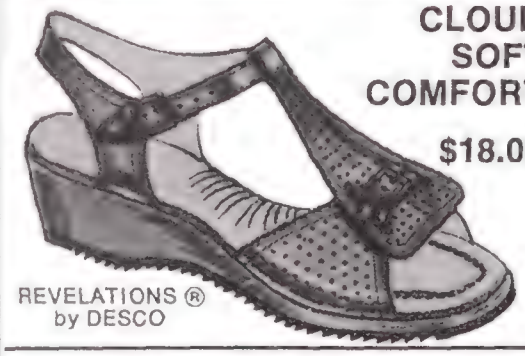

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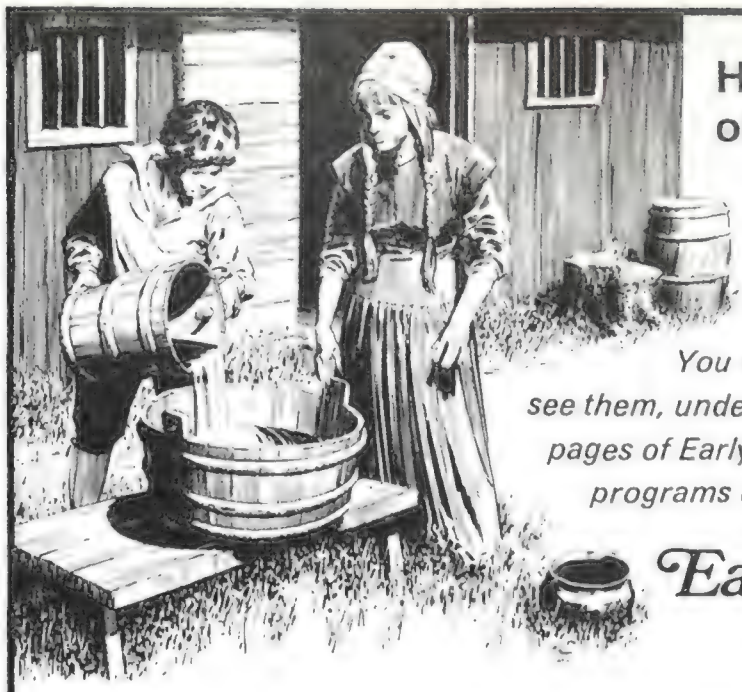

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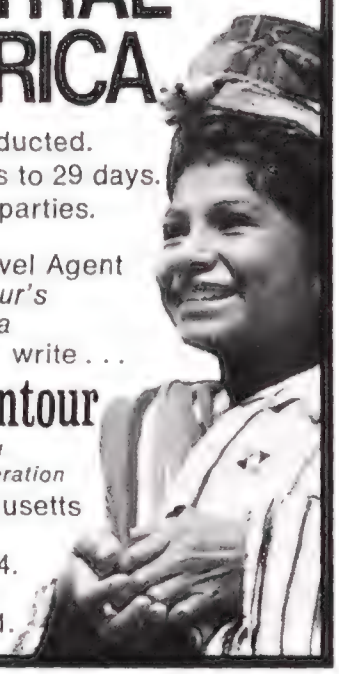

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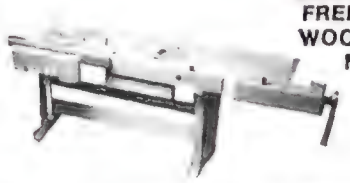

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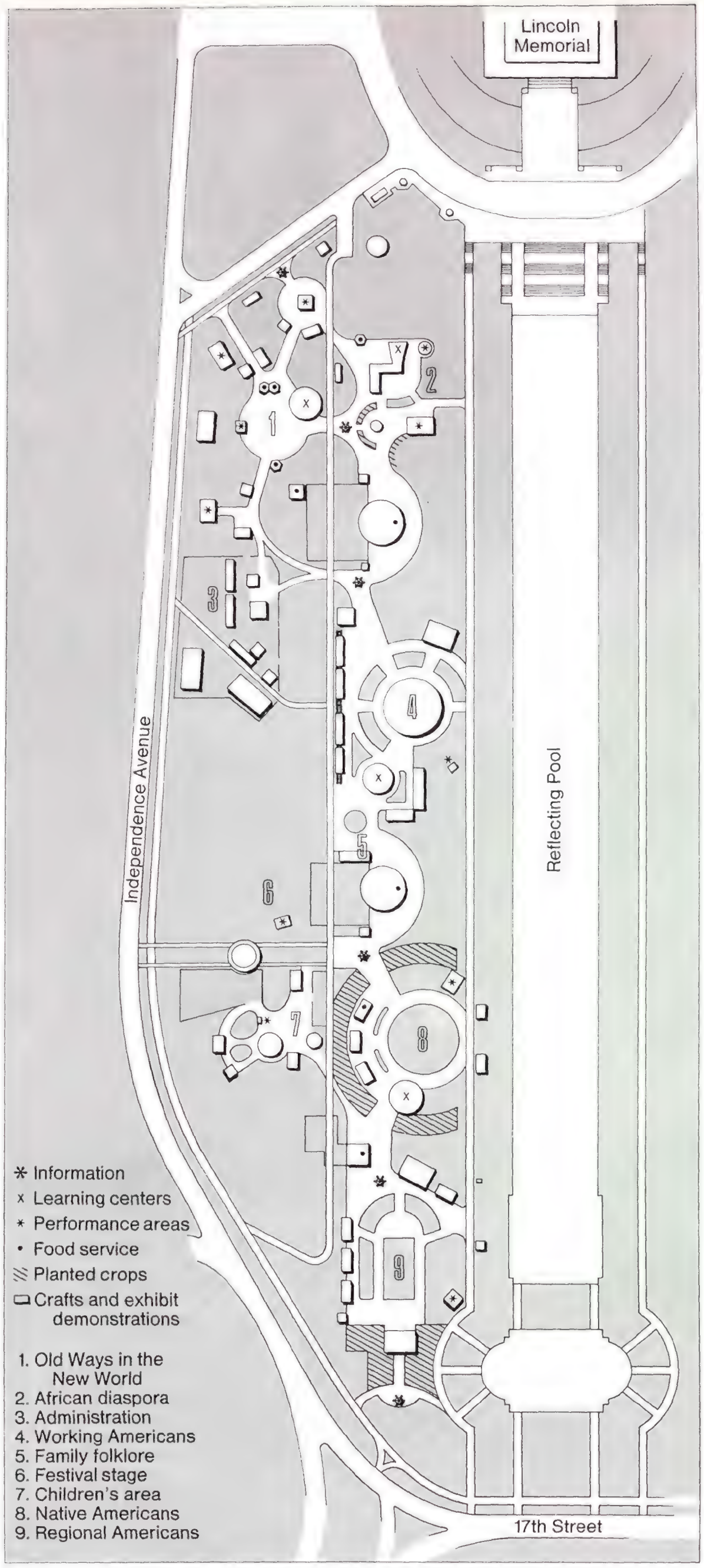

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- Old Ways in the New World—Panamanian carnival, June 28-29; Sicilian-American marionette plays, July 2-6; Japanese-American festival, July 5.
- African Diaspora—worship services 11 A.M. and evening gospel concerts, June 29-July 6; daily cooking and musical instrument-making demonstrations; goat and lamb roasts, June 28 and July 5.
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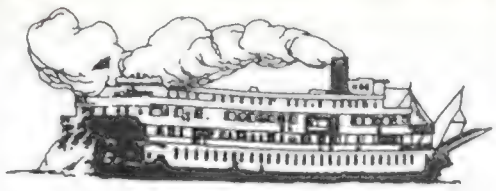

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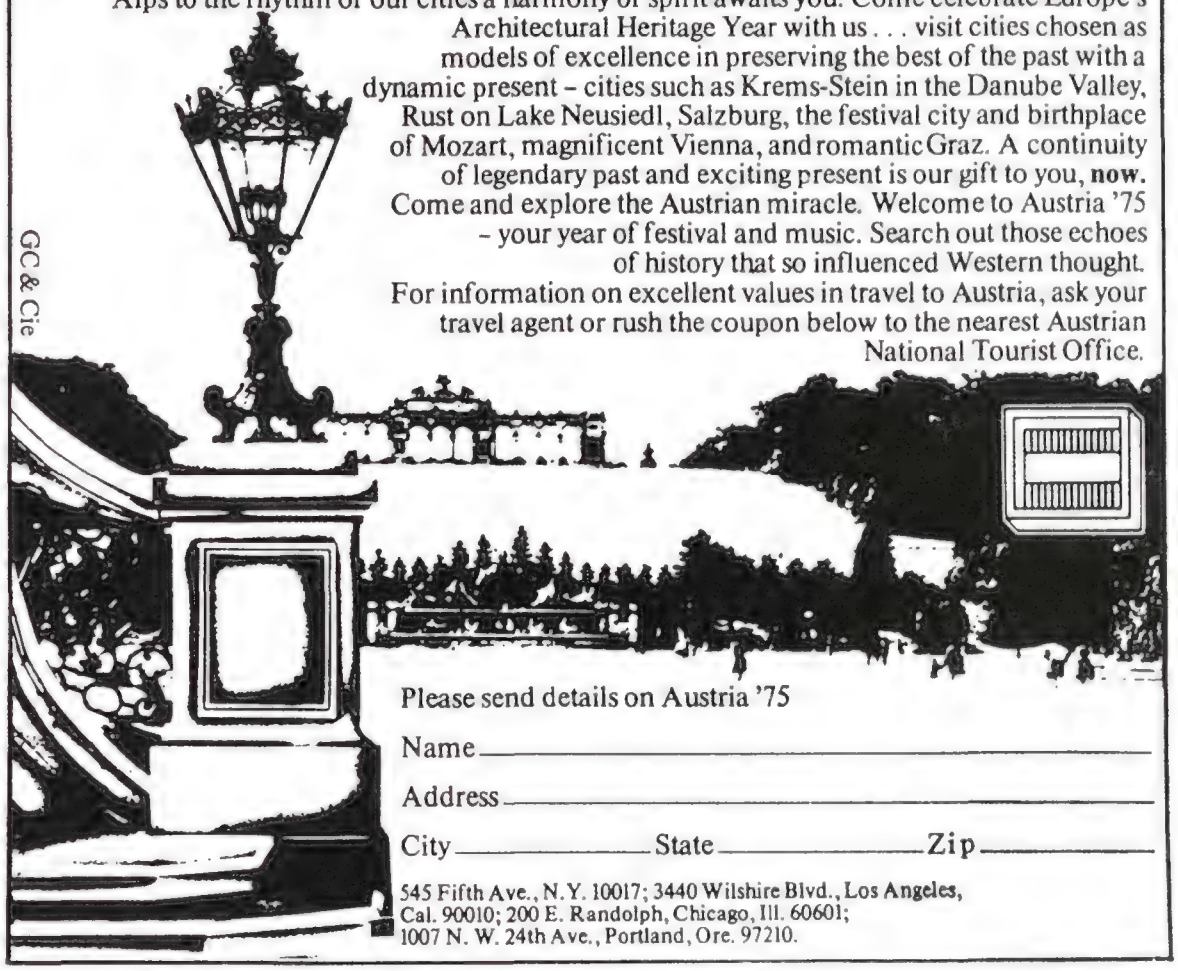

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The opening exhibit in the newly constructed Hall of Political History is "We The People," a history of American government in three parts: "Of The People" asks who we are and have been in census, symbol and association with the rest of the world; "By The People" demonstrates how we campaign, vote and influence our government; "For The People" portrays the ways our system of government responds to the objectives established in the Constitution. The exhibition is a contemporary restatement of the Smithsonian's political history collection. Included in the exhibit are cartoons, audiovisual campaign materials, state gifts, the cabin of President Kennedy's campaign plane "Caroline," and George Wallace's bullet-proof lectern. Historic documents, banners of petition, and materials from suffrage movements are also part of "We The People." Four cases of symbols with which the American people have chosen to represent themselves, such as the flag, eagle and Miss Liberty, line the entrance corridor of the exhibition—opens June 4.

National Collection of Fine Arts

"Academy: The Academic Tradition in American Art" is a major exhibition commemorating the 150th anniversary of the National Academy of Design. The 124 artists, represented by 180 works, were all born before 1900 and were members of the National Academy. The show is divided into an introductory section, featuring drawings of casts and nudes, and three chronological groupings featuring paintings and sculpture. Artists represented in the exhibit include Samuel F.B. Morse, Thomas Cole, Worthington Whittredge, Thomas Eakins, Leon Kroll, Abbott Thayer and Augustus Saint-Gaudens—opens June 6.

"Contemporary Stage Design—U.S.A." is the first comprehensive exhibition of American scene and costume design ever assembled in the United States. The show consists of 12 three-dimensional set models and approximately 100 paintings, renderings and collages encompassing work from sets on Broadway and off-Broadway; regional, experimental and university theater; opera, ballet, musicals and drama. Boris Aronson, Jo Mielziner and Howard Bay are among the designers represented—opens June 20.

Freer Gallery of Art

"Art of the Arab World" is a major exhibition of 80 objects, including ceramics, metalwork, glass, crystal and illuminated pages and paintings from Arabic manuscripts. The show surveys Arabic art from the eighth to the 16th century. A long-handled bronze incense burner adorned with five domes, a 13th-century brass basin inlaid with silver, and a large brass and silver canteen are among the most beautiful and unusual objects in the exhibition—through December.

Division of Musical Instruments

A "Contemporary Chamber Ensemble" presents music by Boulez, Colgrass and Sydeman under the direction of Arthur Weisberg—June 15, free workshop at 4 P.M., Museum of History and Technology; concert at 8 P.M., Baird Auditorium, Museum of Natural History. For information, call (202) 381-5157.

National Portrait Gallery Shuttle

An anonymous donor has purchased a red, double-decker British bus for the National Portrait Gallery which is being used as a shuttle bus between the Gallery and the Museum of History and Technology. The free daily service begins at 10 A.M. at the Portrait Gallery, 9th and F Streets N.W., and 10:30 A.M. at History and Technology on the Mall. The service continues every 60 minutes throughout the day.

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Approximately 60 works by students, non-professional and professional artists make up the new exhibition "East Bank Artists." The objects exhibited were selected from works submitted by people living east of the Anacostia River—opens June 15.

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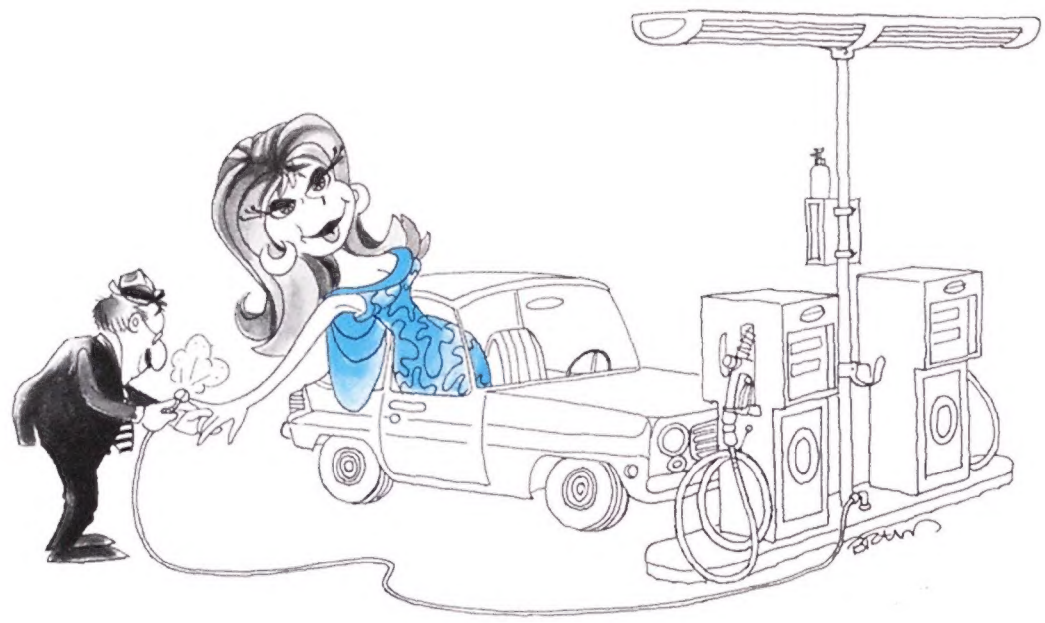


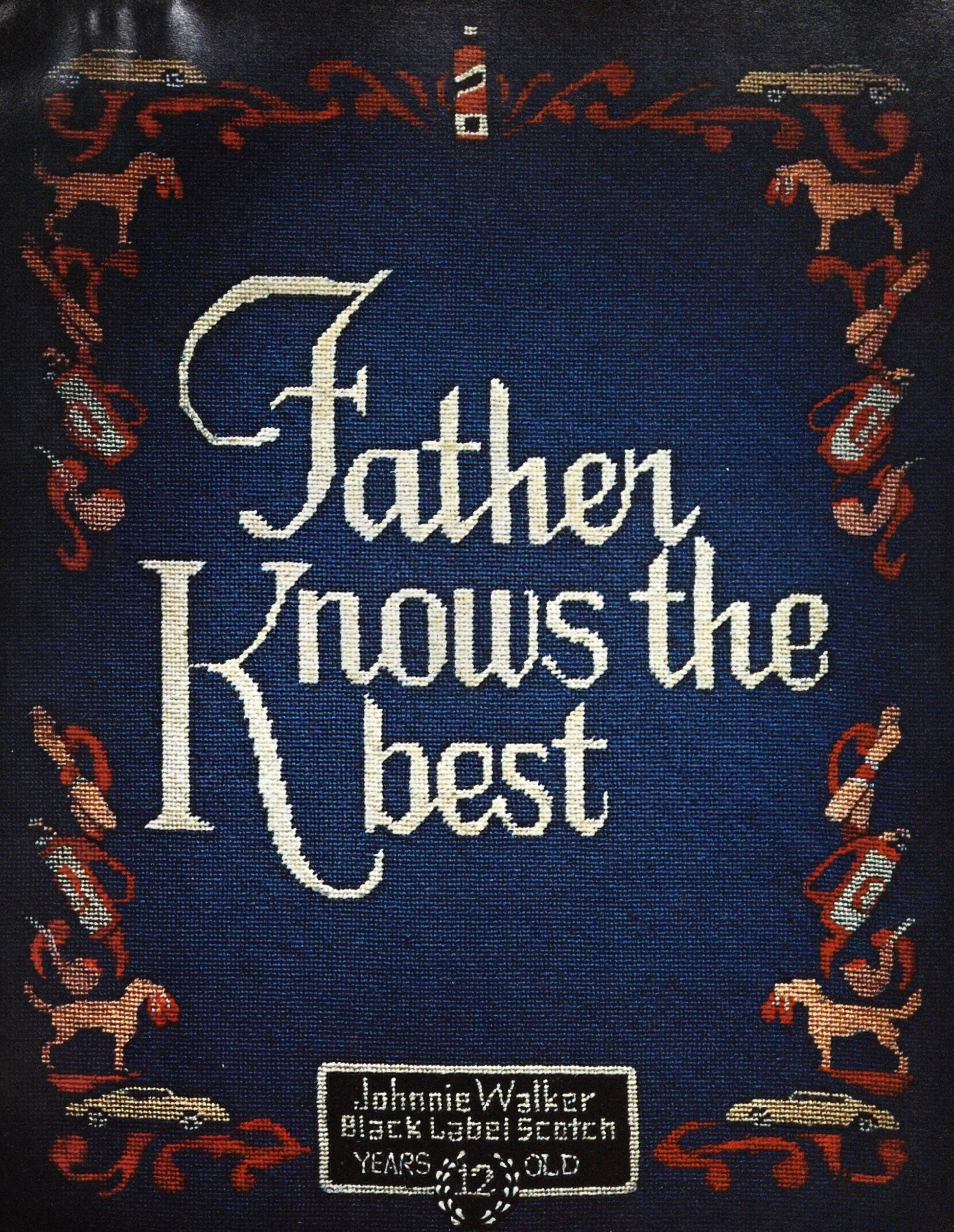
Troubles are rife in these inflationary days, but standing out, somehow, is the bizarre tribulation that lately befell the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Nairobi and led its spokesman to appeal to "a thief to return a life-size human model used for teaching artificial respiration. It was stolen, with a suitcase, from a member of the brigade at a Nairobi bus stop." Though never one for casting first stones at a member of an admirable first-aid organization, I have further aggravated my insomnia by trying to figure out what diversion the model's guardian was engaged in at the bus stop which caused him to suffer so peculiar a larcenous deprivation. And also puzzling as to what worthwhile profit the thief was hoping to make.

Perhaps there is in Kenya an illicit organization devoted to providing artificial respiration courses for criminals engaged in underwater smuggling. Or a market in Nairobi for those "silent partners" which, a while back, were being marketed by that famous gadget emporium, Hammacher Schlemmer of New York. It took the shape of a well-dressed man wearing a bowler hat, and was made of inflatable plastic in full natural colors. After you'd bought him deflated and blown him up to life-size, the advertising copy proclaimed, "He sits beside you, so that you are not alone in your car, or leave him sitting there and he keeps intruders away." This pneumatic man was designed primarily as a security device. But the creators of such facsimiles of humans might gainfully consider whether they should extend their talents. The world may be waiting, not only for the sunrise, but also for all manner of pleasantly pumped-up personnel.

Inwardly great, but outwardly inept, gentlemen lovers anxious to establish their neighborhood reputation as lady-killers would willingly pay folding money to display beside them in their automobiles inflatable effigies of Raquel Welch or Ann-Margret, crowned with coiffures expressly groomed for streaming back in the wind. Married ladies neglected by their husbands might well invest some of their housekeeping money to rouse a little marital jealousy by riding about their hometowns accompanied in the passenger seat by a man-size replica of Paul Newman or Steve McQueen —with fireman's helmet, two dollars extra. Overtired businessmen condemned inescapably to the rat race would line up to buy blow-up facsimiles of themselves which they could leave crouching over their lighted desks deep into the night, so that passing executive vice presidents might mark them "A" for application, although in actuality they were attending to personal duty in the nearest bar.

On the domestic front, teenyboppers who now disfigure their bedroom walls with vast posters of hirsute pop stars could easily be conned into spending their great sums of pocket money on three-dimensional pump-ups of Donny Osmond. Husbands normally unable to get a marital word in edgewise would pay well for air-filled incarnations of the incessant spouse which, when distended, would sit silent and attentive while the master of the house told her a thing or two.

In other realms, court chamberlains charged with bolstering the egos of dictators could purchase by the thousand artificial lengths of cheering populace, conveniently connected for compressed-air elevation in ranks of ten, and with tape recorders in their stomachs eternally emitting "rhubarb-rhubarb" in tones of international enthusiasm. And emissaries from the Chinese government should certainly snap up a gross or so of inflatable effigies of Chairman Mao, both for provincial display on distant balconies and for floating in grand flotilla down the Yangtze River in annual, multiple commemoration of his symbolic swim.



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